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Zoo looks to public to name popular lion cubs

Mane attraction. Saskatoon Forestry Farm launches contest seeking two names, male and female

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The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo is holding a contest to name the two lion cubs currently calling the zoo home.

"We're looking for two names, a male and female name. Whoever submits the best two names will be chosen," said John Moran, zoo manager. "It's wide open. We are targeting this to children and teenagers, but it's not exclusive to kids."

The winner of the name contest will receive a year's membership to the Saskatoon Zoo Society, as well as a framed photograph of the cubs and a plush lion.

The two cubs, who were born in Saskatoon in September, have grown from 1.5 kilograms babies to 35 kilogram cubs.

"It's been great, since the babies were born," said Moran. "We've been putting photos up. They have quite a large following. The opportunity to share their growth with everybody; it's been a great experience."

More information on the contest will be released within the next 10 days on the City of Saskatoon website at saskatoon.ca.

The Saskatoon Forestry Farm will be holding a contest to name two lion cubs. NATHAN RAINE/FOR METRO

End of bridge's lifespan?

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Viewers of Diplo's new project, I Think She Ready, may want to keep their credit cards close at hand when checking out the music video. Those watching can also buy fashions worn by the artists on screen. See metronews.ca for the full story.

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Early parking ticket fines set to double

Hike. Council voted to increase fines for parking violations to $20 from $10

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Parking scofflaws in Saskatoon may start thinking twice about not paying, as parking ticket fines are set to double.

Angela Gardiner, manager of the city's transportation branch, said administration made this recommendation because they were seeing more revenue from parking tickets than actual meters.

"In the last five years we've seen a significant increase in the number of tickets for expired meters compared to the revenues, so they haven't grown at the same rate," said Gardiner. "This leads us to the perception that people are choosing to get a ticket as opposed to plugging a parking meter."

She pointed out the current fine for a ticket, if paid within 14 days, is $10, while the cost of paying for parking for an entire day is $18.

However, some business improvement districts say Saskatoon should be looking at an entire parking revamp, including more methods of payment and other options —not just an increase in fines.

"The board would like to see everything move together," said Randy Pshebylo, executive director of the Riversdale BID.

"It's not (as) clear cut as parking ticket fines, it's a comprehensive package that needs to be convenient for the consumer who has a choice of going to a suburban mall and not facing those issues," he added. This is the first hike in fines for parking in Saskatoon since 2007, when the price of a ticket went from to $10 from $6. The new fine of $20 will go into effect on June 1.

Comparison

- Edmonton: $35
- Regina: $45
- Vancouver: $35 within 14 days
- Victoria: $20 within 14 days
- Winnipeg: $35 within 15 days

Why the increase?

"In the last five years we've seen a significant increase in the number of tickets for expired meters compared to the revenues."

Angela Gardner, manager of the city's transportation branch, on why the city has decided to increase the fine.

People around the city might think twice about ignoring parking meters as council voted to double early fines to $20 from $10. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Police crackdown. Blitz will target cellphone, seat belt violations

The Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) and SGI are executing a traffic blitz Wednesday and Thursday.

The blitz will focus extra resources on cellphone and seat belt violations. According to SPS Staff Sgt. Grant Obst, the purpose of the blitz is to get compliance up and traffic accidents down.

"It seems like in Saskatoon you could go anywhere and see people on their cell phone. When you think about how risky it is and how it takes the driver's attention away, you wouldn't think it would be that hard to convince people that it's not worth doing," said Obst.

Despite increased attention to these violations, Obst says the impact has not been encouraging.

"We've had a number of focused operations on both seat belts and cellphones. In terms of effect, I can tell you that we're not happy with the level of compliance we're seeing with respect to texting and talking on cellphones," said Obst.

"There have been a number of incidents in Saskatchewan where we've had fatal collisions due to cellphone use. It's risky activity — we're trying to show people that it's not worth it."

The Saskatoon Police have already written roughly 600 cellphone tickets and 650 seat belt tickets this year, compared with 928 and 2,700 respectively in 2011.

The penalty for a cellphone violation in Saskatchewan is $280 and four demerit points against your license. Seat belt violations are $175 and three demerits.

NATHAN RAINE/METRO

Robbery

4 men arrested after robbery — with a sword

A business in the 300 block of Avenue H South was robbed early Tuesday morning after two men, armed with a sword, demanded cash and then fled the scene.

Police say a nearby person witnessed the robbery and managed to provide police with a description of the vehicle fleeing the area. Later, officers found a vehicle that matched the witness' description and executed a high-risk stop.

Police found weapons consistent with the robbery alongside cash and other items. Four in the vehicle have been charged with armed robbery, while two are charged with wearing a disguise with intent to commit an indictable offense. They are due in court April 17. METRO

Riot

Man sentenced six months for mob brawl

One of three men charged in a mob brawl in northern Saskatchewan last fall has been sentenced to six months in jail.

Deano LaPrise, who is 23, pleaded guilty to uttering threats and participating in a riot last September in La Loche.

Two RCMP officers were responding to a complaint of a fire outside a house on Sept. 30, when a pair of ATVs tried to speed past them and one of them crashed.

People attending parties nearby began to throw beer bottles at the officers, believing the police had caused the crash.

The two other men facing charges — Fabian LaPrise and Randall LaPrise — will stand trial on Nov. 5. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health care

Premier to push health-care reform

Saskatchewan's premier is pushing for reforms to health care that he says include bold targets and new ways of delivering services.

Brad Wall says publicly funded health care is only sustainable if there's a concerted effort to deliver services in a more efficient, effective way.

Wall will bring that message to a national health-care conference on Wednesday in Montebello, Que. He says he'll talk about reforms being made to improve care in Saskatchewan, including the delivery of publicly funded services by private surgical clinics.

About 115 delegates are expected to attend the conference.

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Demonic possession debate. Group calls for ban on exorcisms

A group that promotes secularism is calling for a prohibition on exorcisms after an incident in Saskatoon.

The Centre for Inquiry says there's no good evidence that exorcisms work and that they can do more harm than good.

Centre spokesman Justin Trottier said from Toronto that most cases of claimed demonic possession are misdiagnoses of genuine and serious mental health conditions.

The comments come after a priest was called to a Saskatoon home last month by a woman who said her uncle showed signs of being possessed by the devil.

Blessings were offered until his behaviour returned to normal, but the Catholic Church says no formal exorcism took place.

Bishop Don Bolen says it's not clear if the Saskatoon man was possessed or was having a mental breakdown.

He says Catholic Church leaders are considering whether they need a trained exorcist — the last person in Saskatoon with formal training retired in 2003. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brad Wall

Overhaul of environmental assessment rules OK by premier

Saskatchewan's premier says he supports a major overhaul of environmental assessment rules for big projects.

Brad Wall says the province does not want less rigorous environmental assessments, but wants to remove duplication of work.

The federal government is detailing plans for streamlining the review process.

It says proposed new rules would encourage investment by avoiding wasteful duplication and setting strict time limits for project reviews.

Wall says there are stories of mines being held up because a man-made tailing pond has one fish.

He says that causes months of delays because federal departments and provincial ministries both do reviews. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Insurance. Bad weather blamed for loss in profits

Yearly figures show storm claims and volatile investment markets hit Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) and the Saskatchewan Auto Fund hard.

SGI says in its annual report that there were a record number of storm claims last year totalling $32.4 million — the highest ever paid.

The company says there were a high number of fire losses, including losses in Slave Lake, Alta., where a wildfire destroyed a large portion of the town.

Officials say it was also the Saskatchewan Auto Fund's worst year.

President and CEO Andrew Cartmell says it was a perfect storm of bad winter accidents, summer hail and turmoil on investment markets.

He says the blow to the auto fund was cushioned by using nearly $143 million from its rate stabilization reserve. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saskatoon's traffic bridge was closed in 2010 after city officials say deterioration under the bridge needed further inspection. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Traffic Bridge closer to coming down

Deterioration. Saskatoon's oldest vehicle bridge has been closed since 2010

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The Traffic Bridge has moved one step closer to being demolished with city council approving an additional $825,000 to the bridge replacement project.

City administration says the Traffic Bridge, Saskatoon's oldest vehicle bridge, is currently unsafe to bear any weight and after Monday night's council meeting, administration was given the go-ahead to move forward on the project.

Out of the funds, $500,000 will be used for the removal of Span 1 of the bridge. The city says the demolition of this part of the bridge, located on the Nutana side, will enable it to reopen Saskatchewan Crescent to two-way traffic and improve pedestrian routing along the Meewasin Valley Trail, located between Rotary Park and the Broadway Bridge.

Weight-testing of the existing piers will cost the city $300,000. This is a part of the project that city administration says is important, as information collected through the weight-testing will be used when the request for proposals are issued.

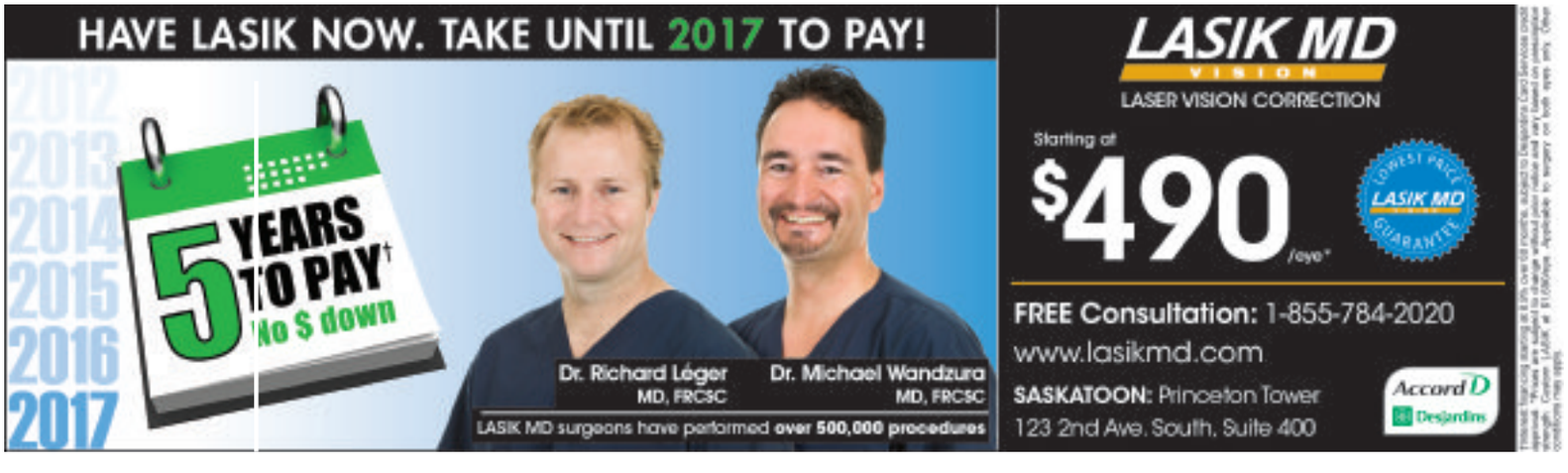
This is to ensure those bidding on the project can include information in regards to safe working loads in their design.

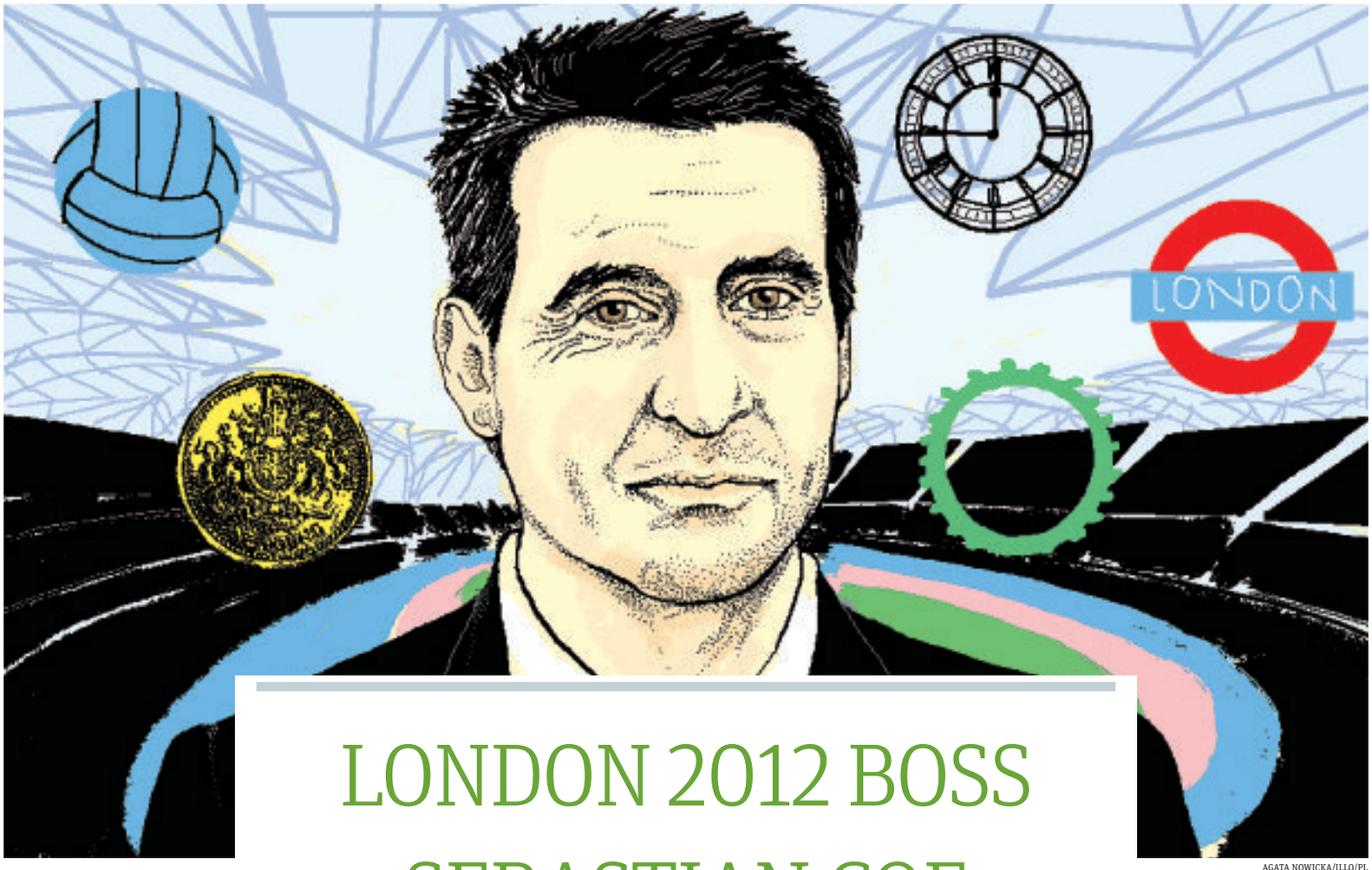
The Traffic Bridge, also known as Victoria Bridge, was closed in August of 2010 for the "interest of public safety" after preliminary inspections showed deterioration under the bridge needed further inspection.

Span 1

$500K

The amount that will be used for the removal of span 1 of the bridge, which the city says will enable it to reopen Saskatchewan Crescent to two-way traffic.





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LONDON 2012 BOSS SEBASTIAN COE

The success of the London Olympics rests on one man's shoulders. Fortunately, the shoulders belong to an exceptionally fit man. Sebastian Coe, a legendary middle distance runner, is an Olympic champion himself. In 100 days, the world will judge his organization skills as the London Games begin. But I'm doing this job for the athletes, he says.

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

"100 meters will go a lot faster." As King of Middle Distance, Sebastian Coe won two Olympic gold medals and set eleven world records. Then he became a politician, a Lord even. But everyone refers to Lord Coe as "Seb", and the energetic chairman of the London Olympics is indeed an approachable man, as he showed when he invited Metro to keep him company while he had a takeout salad for lunch.

What constitutes success for him in the 2012 Games: lots of world records? No terrorist attacks? Top-rate sustainability?
You need Games that work in all those ways – sustainable, safe and secure. But, look: I'll always see the Games through the eyes of the competitor, and for me it's absolutely vital that I deliver something for the athletes that allows them to compete at the highest level at the defining moment in their life.

How are you doing it better than previous Olympic Games?
I don't compare London to previous Games. But I want to enshrine as many of the good aspects of the previous games as we can. One thing I've learned from is the way the athletes were treated at the Games in Beijing — the organizers had a forensic eye for detail and an extremely high level of service. That's a very good template for us.

A major source of concern for potential Olympic spectators is overcrowding. Should people watch the Games on TV instead?
No! London knows how to deal with crowds. We have big global events all the time, often simultaneously. The Olympics will have a great atmosphere, and we'll create a transport plan that allows us to deal with the influx of people. I think people will come in bigger numbers than is currently being imagined. And that's what an Olympic city should strive for. London will keep benefitting from the Games for the next 50 years.

Beach volleyball next to Buckingham Palace: do such new sports really have athletic value, not just an aesthetic one?
They certainly have athletic value. Anyone who has played beach volleyball will tell you that you need extraordinary levels of agility, stamina, flexibility and speed. There's no doubting the athletic values of beach volleyball. But what it actually does is attract a wider audience, particularly among younger people. So, it's very good that new sports like beach volleyball bring young people into the sport movement.

So are new, untraditional sports what the Olympic movement needs?
The Olympic movement has always moved with the time. It was only in 1984 that women first ran the marathon. Triathlon is a relatively new sport, and organizers recognized that it was very popular and growing in size. And BMX-cycling is now an Olympic sport.

The king of any Summer Olympics is the men's 100 meter race. How much faster can they go?
Much, much faster! It's not within your imagination or mine that if we sit here in 40 years' time discussing this, we'll look back at what Usain Bolt is now doing and smile. I've broken world records, my world records have been broken. The current world records can easily be broken. Usain Bolt can easily break the world 100 meters world record, and so can Yohan Blake and Tyson Gay.

Will it be possible to keep sports clean from doping?
The honest answer is no, But we're winning the testing battles, and crucially, we're winning the battle for hearts and minds. It's vitally important to explain to young people that doping is completely unnecessary! I broke world records and won Olympic Games without taking performance-enhancing drugs. Secondly, doping is dangerous. There are long-term health effects. Thirdly, it's cheating. We're winning the battle, but it will always be a battle.

Do you ever watch the 1500 race and get the urge to jump in and be part of the action once again?
No! Every time I think it might be palatable or attractive to participate as a competitor again, I just open a day in any of my training diaries. Then I know exactly why I'm here, not out in a running track. But when I attend sports events, I love sitting with the coaches and athletes.

Lasting rewards

"You find out more about yourself through sports than through anything else. You learn to win and lose with dignity and magnanimity. You make friendships that last a lifetime, friendships based on true values."
LORD SEBASTIAN COE

Snapshot

Here are some fast facts on Sebastian Coe.

- **Age.** 55
- **In the news.** Chair of the London Olympic Games Organizing Committee
- **Career.** Middle-distance runner; two Olympic gold medals, 11 world records. MP; appointed Lord in 2000.

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Tories' plan is praised and panned

Environment. Major overhaul of rules will create jobs, say feds. Nonsense, says NDP — the big companies will be winners

A major overhaul of environmental assessment rules for big projects will create jobs and growth, the federal government announced Tuesday.

The Tory announcement sparked resource industry praise and fierce criticism from environmental groups.

First signalled in last month's budget, the government said proposed new rules would encourage investment by avoiding wasteful duplication and setting strict time limits for project reviews.

"We intend to focus federal assessment efforts on major projects that can have significant environmental effects, such as energy and mining projects," Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said.

"Streamlining the review process … will attract significant investment dollars and give every region of our country a tremendous economic boost."

The plan calls for three organizations — the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the National Energy Board and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission — to conduct reviews, down from 40 government departments that can currently be involved.

But Opposition New Democrats and environmental groups accused the Conservative government of ramming through legislation that would "rubber-stamp" assessments to the benefit of large corporations.

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End of an era?

"This is really a weakening of key environmental protection measures that have been in place for decades. It's meant to pave the way for Big Oil to get what it wants."

Gillian McEachern,
with Environmental Defence.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver takes a question during a Toronto-area news conference Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

O Canada … we're oh, so proud of you

That tiny Maple Leaf flag on a child's cheek says it all. Five-year-old Andromeda Bromwich on Tuesday shows that even youngsters like to show off their pride in Canada. Andromeda and Liberal interim leader Bob Rae are pictured as they took part in a dance to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in downtown Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Internet. Mom, dad are Facebook snoops: Survey

More than 50 per cent of the Canadian parents surveyed for a study on online safety admitted they secretly access their teenager's Facebook account.

According to a survey conducted in 11 countries by security company AVG, the global average of snooping parents was 44 per cent.

Still, Canadian parents were less likely to spy on their teens than those in the U.S. and Spain, where 61 per cent admitted to monitoring Facebook covertly.

When accounting for the results from all countries, mothers were more likely than fathers to do the cyber-stalking.

About 49 per cent of the moms admitted to doing so, compared to 39 per cent of dads.

Canadian parents were second most likely to be Facebook friends with their teens.

About 66 per cent said their kids had accepted their friend request, compared to 72 per cent in the U.S., and just 32 per cent in France and 10 per cent in Japan.

When it came to worries about online behaviour, about 38 per cent of Canadian parents said they worried their teen's actions on social networks could affect their future job, school or dating prospects, compared to 40 per cent in the U.S. and 42 per cent globally.

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Smoking. Tory cuts boost Big Tobacco, activists say

National health groups are condemning the Harper government for cuts to a federal non-smoking program.

Melodie Tilson, from the Non-Smokers Rights Association, says the cuts give tobacco companies the upper hand in influencing future health policy decisions.

"Why would the Harper government gut a program that saves the lives of Canadians, saves government money and safeguards the health and well-being of our youth?" Tilson asked.

The federal budget cut $15 million — more than 30 per cent — from the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy, which has reduced the number of smokers across Canada.

The winner?

"Consider who wins by this decision. The only winner — and they are big winners — is Big Tobacco."

Melodie Tilson,
Non-Smokers Rights Association.

But Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq listed several government anti-smoking initiatives, including warning labels on cigarette packaging, a national hotline for people who want to quit smoking and a ban on small, flavoured cigarettes targeted at youth.

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Construction magnate's arrest may spark bombshells in Quebec

Province jolted. Reclusive Tony Accurso is arrested with 13 others in a case with far-reaching political repercussions

Quebec construction magnate Tony Accurso is surrounded by media as he leaves a police facility in Montreal Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A prominent Quebec construction magnate, whose cosy ties to politicians and links to business figures have triggered allegations of scandal, is facing six fraud-related charges in a case that could have far-reaching political repercussions.

Tony Accurso was among 14 people arrested by the anti-corruption unit of the Quebec provincial police in raids Tuesday.

The arrests could lead to an in-depth look into the murky world of contract bidding at the municipal and provincial levels.

Accurso, a major player in the Quebec construction industry, has seen his name surface in alleged construction scandals that have rocked the province for years involving municipal and provincial politicians and union bosses.

But the reclusive businessman had never been charged with anything — until being swept up in an alleged bribery scandal in Mascouche, a small town in Montreal's posh northern suburbs.

Police say Accurso and others were involved in kickbacks and bribes exchanged for favourable contracts or privileged information key to the bidding process.

Authorities say the practice has been going on for several years.

Accurso faces six charges: fraud, conspiracy, influence-peddling, breach of trust and two counts of defrauding the government.

The 18-month investigation culminated in a total of 47 charges.

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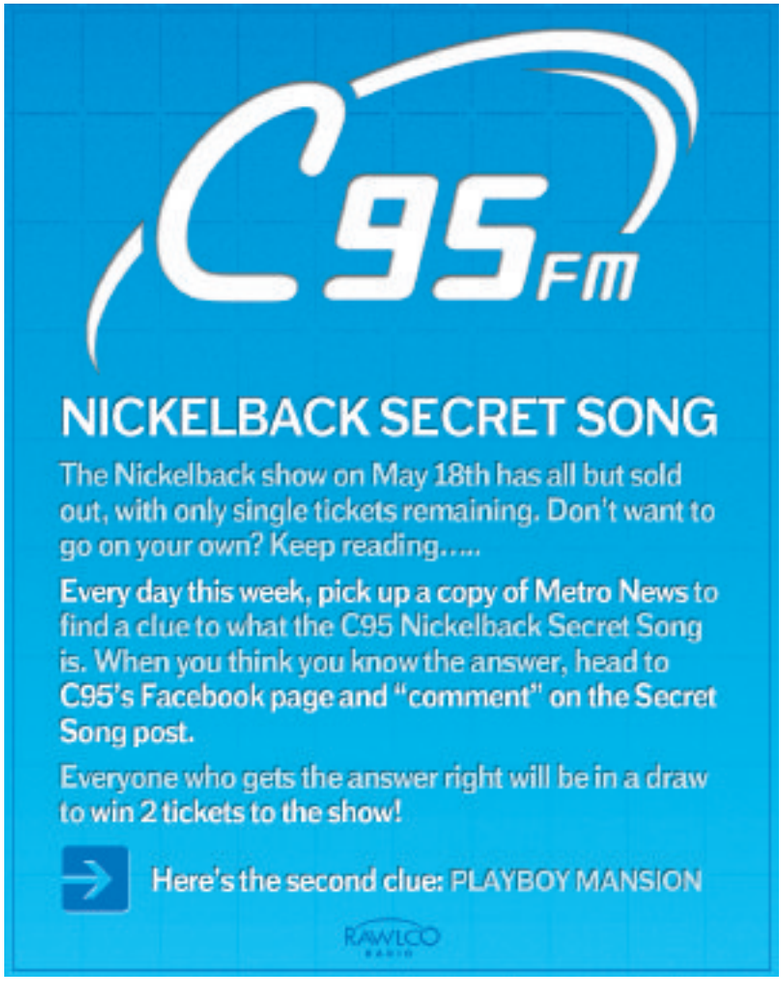
The fallout

The criminal charges could have an influence that goes far beyond the courtroom.

- **THE PROBE.** Premier Jean Charest has called an inquiry into widespread allegations of corruption involving the Quebec construction industry and its ties to political parties, and the awarding of public contracts.
- **THE ELECTION.** It is unclear what impact the arrests will have on the timing of a provincial election. Charest may be tempted to go to the polls in the spring before proceedings start.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Charter of Rights

Chrétien hits out at the 'culture of grievance' in Quebec

Jean Chrétien says Quebec politicians have cultivated a "culture of grievance" over their province's exclusion from the 1982 deal to patriate Canada's Constitution.

"They have a culture of grievance over it, not looking at the facts," Chrétien said.

But Quebecers have been benefiting from the Charter ever since, he declared.

The former prime minister was justice minister at the time and did much of the heavy lifting to negotiate the pact that brought home the Constitution, with a landmark Charter of Rights, 30 years ago Tuesday.

He has been demonized by sovereigntists for his part in the so-called night of the long knives, when a compromise was hatched that won the support of nine provinces — over the objections of Quebec's then-separatist government.

The facts, Chrétien said, are that 90 per cent of Quebecers favoured ending Canada's status as a "legal colony."

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Student strife. 'Fascist' outburst lands Quebec civil servant in hot water

A Quebec civil servant has been reprimanded for saying pro-fascist movements should serve as inspiration in the fight against student protesters.

Bernard Guay, head of the tax office in the municipal affairs department, wrote a vehement letter against the student protests that have rocked Quebec.

The letter was published on the website of Le Soleil but it generated such an outcry that the newspaper withdrew it and apologized.

Guay wrote about putting an end to "the tyranny of left-wing agitators" and said the "fascist movements" of the '20s and '30s should serve as inspiration in fighting students who are opposed to planned tuition hikes.

Municipal Affairs Minister Laurent Lessard called Guay's comments "inappropriate" and said administrative action was taken against him.

Lessard refused to elaborate.

For two months, 165,000 Quebec students have been fighting against the hikes, staging walkouts and blocking entrances to classrooms.

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Police negotiate with masked students who barricaded themselves in the Université du Québec en Outaouais in Gatineau, Que. The students later left peacefully. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jordan promises 'fair trial'. Britain may soon be able to deport radical

Abu Qatada is driven away after being refused bail on Tuesday. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A radical Islamist cleric fighting deportation from Britain to Jordan was again behind bars Tuesday, and the U.K. said it hoped to finally expel the preacher after a decade of legal wrangling.

Home Secretary Theresa May said new assurances from Jordan to offer a fair trial to Abu Qatada, a Palestinian-Jordanian preacher described in Spanish and British courts as a leading al-Qaida figure in Europe, should allow the saga to end.

Authorities in Britain have been trying to expel the preacher since 2001, but after a lengthy legal battle the European Court of Human Rights ruled in January that Abu Qatada could not be deported to Jordan because of a risk that evidence obtained through torture would be used against him there.

Abu Qatada has previously been convicted in absentia in Jordan of terrorist offences related to two alleged bomb plots in 1999 and 2000, and he will face a retrial if deported from Britain.

The preacher was arrested on Tuesday by U.K. Border Agency officers and denied bail at a hearing at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission — a court that handles deportation and national security cases.

He had been freed in February following the European court's ruling, albeit on strict bail conditions.

Following two visits by British ministers to Jordan and telephone talks between Prime Minister David Cameron and Jordan's King Abdullah II, Britain had secured a series of pledges to address the European court's concerns, May said.

May said that Jordan had vowed that no information gleaned through torture would be used in the cleric's case and had changed its constitution to bar the use of such evidence.

Britain first attempted to deport Abu Qatada in 2001. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romania

Public funds used to finance a book featuring fascist leader

A Holocaust research centre in Romania says public funds were used to finance a children's poetry book that features on its cover Romania's Second World war fascist leader.

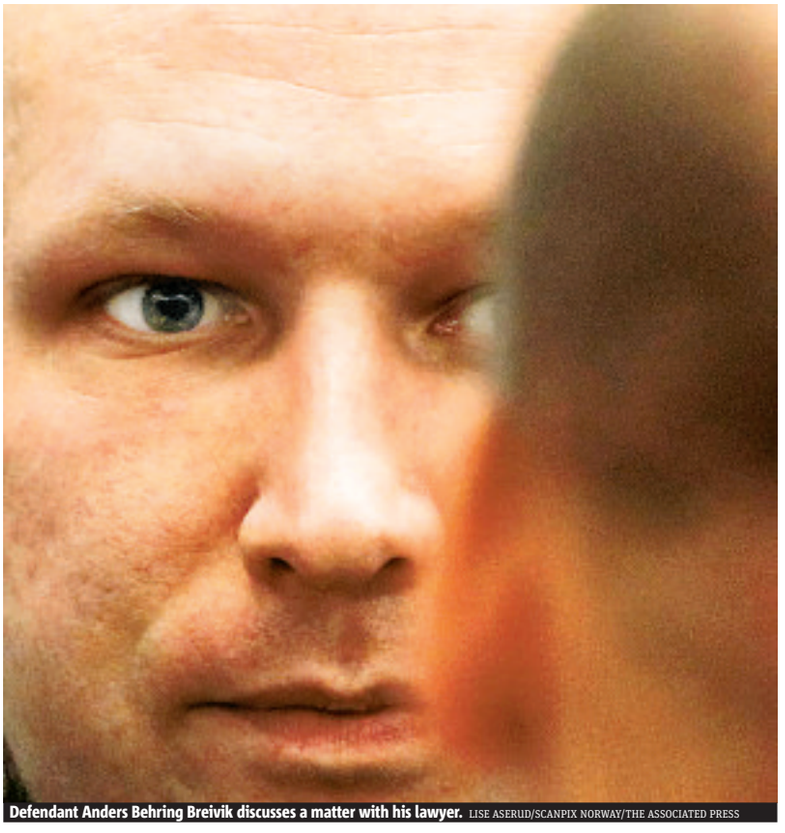
The National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania blasted a local council for helping publish the book by George Ungureanu, 100, a former member of pro-Hitler group active in Romania during the war.

The book has Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, founder of the fascist Iron Guard legion, on its cover.

Guard members gained notoriety for vicious anti-Semitism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooter gives speech to courtroom in Oslo

Day 2 of Norway's mass killer trial. Anti-Muslim fanatic insists on finishing his whole diatribe, or not speaking at all



Defendant Anders Behring Breivik discusses a matter with his lawyer. LISE ASERUD/SCANPIX NORWAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a scene unimaginable in many countries, Norway's worst mass killer since ther Second World War gets to explain his fanatical views to the court and the world for days dressed up in a business suit.

Two days into Anders Behring Breivik's terror trial, the studied formality with which Norway's legal system deals with a confessed killer who rejects its authority is baffling to outsiders, even to some Norwegians.

On Monday, the day the trial started, Norwegian prosecutors and even lawyers representing the families of his 77 victims shook Breivik's hand as proceedings began.

On Tuesday, the 33-year-old far-right militant was allowed to give an hour-long address to the court, reading from a statement that summarized the anti-Islamic manifesto that he posted online before his bomb-and-shooting rampage nine months ago.

"The attacks on July 22 were a preventive strike. I acted in self-defence on behalf of my people, my city, my country," Breivik declared.

He was demanding to be found innocent of terror and murder charges. He set off a bomb outside the government headquarters in Oslo, killing eight, then drove to Utoya island outside the capital and massacred 69 people in a shooting spree at the governing Labor Party's youth summer camp on the island.

It was the most "spectacular" attack by a nationalist militant since the Second World War, he boasted.

The court's main judge interrupted Breivik several times Tuesday, asking him to get to the point, but let him continue after he threatened that he would either finish his speech or not speak at all.

"It is critically important that I can explain the reason and the motive" for the massacre, said Breivik.

Breivik, who has admitted the attacks, said it doesn't matter if he's sent to prison, because living in a country ruled by "multiculturalists" was a prison in itself. The main point of his defence is to avoid an insanity ruling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accused gives speech

"What I see happening in Norway with Breivik's statement is a trial about politics, not legal evidence." Jeff Kass, a reporter who wrote a book about the 1999 Columbine school shooting in the United States.

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North Korea celebrates

A family poses for a picture in front of portraits of the late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong-il at a festival for the "Kimilsungia" flower to mark 100 years since the birth of North Korea's late founder in Pyongyang, North Korea, Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile

Harper, wife awakened by major quake

Prime Minister Harper and his wife Laureen were awakened by a major earthquake as they overnighted in the Chilean capital.

Buildings shook throughout the city at around 12:50 a.m. Tuesday in a 6.7 magnitude earthquake centred 112 kilometres from Santiago.

"The prime minister and his wife were at the hotel when the earthquake happened," said Harper's spokesperson. No Canadians were injured.

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Near Aspen

Cows take shelter and freeze

It may take explosives to dislodge a group of cows that wandered into an old ranger cabin high in the Rocky Mountains, then died and froze solid. They were discovered in March.

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Suspicions still abound in Egypt's deadly soccer riot

Top cops among those charged. 75 fans killed in February melee; victims mostly fans of Cairo's Al-Ahly team; most defendants fans of Port Said team

A defendant facing charges relating to soccer deaths reacts at trial. HOSSAM ALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fans charged in Egypt's deadliest soccer riot declared their innocence in the first session of their trial Tuesday.

And they directed their anger toward police, charged with collaborating in the killing of 75 supporters of a rival team.

Nine senior officers, including six police generals and a colonel, are among the 73 people charged in the case. The officers were present in the courtroom, dressed in traditional white defendant uniforms, but they were not held in the courtroom cage with the rest of those on trial.

If the police are convicted, it would further fuel widespread speculation that the country's much-despised Interior Ministry force allowed the bloody February 2012 attack on fans of a soccer club with which they have a long antagonistic history.

Most of the defendants are fans of Al-Masry, the main sports club in the Mediterranean city of Port Said, where the attack took place.

The majority of the victims were fans of a rival team, Cairo's Al-Ahly, whose supporters are credited with playing a major role in the 18-day popular uprising that toppled longtime President Hosni Mubarak last year.

Survivors of the attack charge that police allowed the attack by Al-Masry fans to deteriorate into bloodshed.

Others have suggested that former regime loyalists hired thugs to kill Al-Ahly fans. "Where is Mubarak?" the defendants chanted, reflecting their suspicion of the ousted regime.

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Britain

Teen jailed for killing during riots

A British judge on Tuesday jailed a teenager for eight years for killing a 68-year-old man during the riots that swept the country in August.

Darrell Desuze, 17, had admitted to manslaughter in the death of Richard Bowes, who was found lying in a street during violence in west London on Aug. 8.

Bowes — seen on CCTV footage being punched and falling to the pavement after he tried to stamp out a fire set by rioters — died of head injuries three days later.

Desuze also pleaded guilty to violent disorder and four counts of burglary.

In delivering the sentence, Justice John Saunders decried Bowes's death as "pointless and unnecessary," saying it became one of the most shocking events of the riots.

Desuze's mother, Lavinia, was also sentenced on Tuesday for perverting the course of justice.

She received an 18 month sentence for cutting up and disposing of the clothes her son wore on the day.

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Egypt. Appeals rejected, three top candidates out of race for president

Egypt's election commission rejected the appeals of three main contenders for president Tuesday, definitively removing the most polarizing candidates from the race to become the country's first elected leader since the ouster of Hosni Mubarak.

The disqualification of the three diminishes the chances that an Islamist candidate will win the presidency, but there are worries over the fallout from the decision, particularly from the supporters of one of the barred candidates, ultraconservative Islamist Hazem Abu Ismail.

Around 2,000 Abu Ismail supporters had camped outside the commission's headquarters since the previous day, demanding he be allowed to run. When the rejection was announced Tuesday evening, some of them threw stones at security and briefly scuffled with military police.

The commission's decision removes the top contenders in the race — Mubarak-era strongman Omar Suleiman, Muslim Brotherhood chief strategist Khairat el-Shater and Abu Ismail, a lawyer turned hard-line preacher. The panel had announced their disqualification over the weekend, shocking many in the country. Each appealed the decision but on Tuesday the panel rejected the appeals.

Commission decision

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Suleiman was disqualified because he fell short of the required number of public endorsements; el-Shater because of a previous conviction; Abu Ismail because his mother held American citizenship briefly before her death in 2010. According to a new law passed after the uprising, candidates won't qualify if their spouses or parents hold a foreign nationality.

With the three out, the top contenders in the race are seen to be former foreign minister Amr Moussa, moderate Islamist Abdel-Moneim Abolfotoh and the Brotherhood's backup candidate, Mohammed Morsi. Voting begins May 23-24.

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Secret Service probe to begin

Scandal. U.S. Secret Service and military are being investigated for soliciting prostitutes

Fallout from a Secret Service prostitution scandal ricocheted around the nation's capital Tuesday, with congressional and military investigators digging into the situation more deeply and the White House facing questions about the competency of the agency designed to protect President Barack Obama's life.

At least 20 women were involved in last weekend's incident with Secret Service agents, U.S. military personnel and prostitutes at a Colombian hotel just before Obama arrived for a regional summit, a senator briefed on the situation said. The agency has referred the matter to an independent government investigator, according to a second senator.

The scandal has become a widening embarrassment for the Obama administration and the fresh flurry of activity squashed White House hopes that the matter could be left behind in Colombia once Air Force One was wheels up.

The focus fell Tuesday on Secret Service director Mark Sullivan, who shuttled between meetings at the Congress outlining what his investigators in Washington and in Colombia have found about the incident.

Lawmakers peppered Sullivan with questions, chief among them: who were the women the agents allegedly had in their rooms, and did the women have access to sensitive information that could have jeopardized the president's security.

Conflicting accounts

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes; others are saying they're not."
Peter King, Republican Representative

At the White House, Obama was asked at the conclusion of a Rose Garden event whether he believed Sullivan should resign. The president ignored the shouted inquiries; his spokesman later said Obama had confidence in Sullivan.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into the matter," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

On Thursday, 11 Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked their security clearances.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel also were being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct.

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Dog days. Mitt Romney criticized for strapping pet dog to car's roof

The sorry tale of Seamus, the Irish setter who spent 12 stressful hours atop Mitt Romney's station wagon on a road trip to Canada, is back in the spotlight after the Republican front-runner and his wife faced questions about the 1983 incident in a high-profile prime-time interview.

"The dog loved it," a laughing Ann Romney told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview earlier this week.

"He would see that crate and, you know, he would go crazy because he was going with us on vacation. It was to me a kinder thing to bring him along than to leave him in the kennel for two weeks."

Sawyer, however, questioned the extent of Seamus's enjoyment as he sat in a windy crate on the roof of the car for 12 hours. She pointed out the dog had experienced intestinal distress during the drive from Boston to the Lake Huron community of Grand Bend, where the Romney family still owns a cottage.

According to a 2007 Boston Globe profile of Mitt Romney, his disgusted boys alerted their father to the fact that Seamus was suffering from diarrhea as they made their way to the cottage.

Romney stopped at the next service station, hosed down the dog, the car and the carrier, returned Seamus to his stoop and continued to Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Criticism

Asked if he'd ever again transport a dog that way, Mitt Romney replied "Certainly not with the attention it's received," saying the story had been "the most wounding" to his campaign.

- **That response prompted anger anew on various social media platforms.** "Wrong reason," one Twitter user wrote.
- **Dogs Against Romney's Scott Crider expressed dismay.** "In other words, Mr. Romney still sees nothing wrong with what he did ... and the only reason he wouldn't do it again is to avoid personal political backlash," he said Tuesday.

Dalai Lama alohas with canoe crew

In a photo provided by Pillars of Peace Hawaii, the Dalai Lama jokes with members of the crew of the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hokulea following the Earth Blessing and Consecration of the canoe on Monday in Kaneohe, Hawaii. The Hokulea is being prepared for an around-the-world trip.

PILLARS OF PEACE HAWAII/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Child arrest

Tantrums illegal?

Police in Georgia handcuffed a kindergartner with her arms behind her back after the girl threw a tantrum. The police chief defended the action as a safety measure.

The girl's family demanded that their central Georgia city change policy so that other children aren't treated the same way. They say the child was shaken up by the ordeal.

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Child pornography

Man faces more porn charges

A man charged in Indiana with coercing two teenage boys into making sexually explicit online videos, and who boasted to FBI agents that he had done this more than 100 times, now faces federal charges in Michigan for the same offence.

The U.S. attorney's office on Friday filed charges of production of child pornography and enticement against Richard Finkbiner, 39, who could face from 15 years to life in prison if convicted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tax cheat. B.C. man preaching anti-tax movement facing prison

Experts say a B.C. man who has preached a bizarre theory arguing citizens don't have to pay taxes is merely the latest in a long list of tax cheats that stretches back for centuries.

Russell Porisky has been convicted of tax evasion and counselling others to evade their taxes, and the Crown asked a judge this week to sentence him to more than six years in prison.

Porisky has taught seminars and sold books and DVDs espousing his so called "natural person" theory, which argues people aren't legal entities so they aren't required to pay income tax.

Growing in Canada

Arthur Cockfield, who teaches tax law at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., says anti-tax movements have historically been more prevalent in the United States, but they appear to be gaining popularity in Canada in recent years.

Lindsay Tedds, an economics professor at the University of Victoria, says Porisky's theory has absolutely no grounding in the law, which is unambiguous that anyone earning money in Canada must pay income tax. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ForestEthics

Environmental group taking on federal Tories

An environmental group that angered the energy industry has given up some of its charitable status so it can take on the federal government.

ForestEthics has spearheaded campaigns to get U.S. companies to use less oilsands-derived fuel.

The group is splitting into two after Ottawa's crackdown on charitable groups in the recent budget. One half will continue conservation work and remain a charity, but the other will no longer offer tax refunds and will focus its efforts on what it calls Conservative attacks on the environment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Process of firing mounties 'madness', says top officer

Management. Deputy Commissioner calls for changes to RCMP Act

The man in charge of the RCMP in British Columbia says the laborious process of firing or even suspending Mounties without pay after serious misconduct is "absolute madness," but making changes requires a commitment from the force's political masters.

RCMP Deputy Commissioner Craig Callens said the RCMP Act is long overdue for change to allow local management to hire and fire like other employers in the country.

For example, Callens said an application was made years ago to suspend Cpl. Benjamin "Monty" Robinson without pay, but the request was rejected at RCMP headquarters in Ottawa.

Robinson was convicted last month of obstruction of justice in the death of a young motorcyclist in Delta, B.C. He admitted to taking two shots of vodka to "calm his nerves" after the accident and before he gave himself up to investigating officers, but the court heard testimony that Robinson would have known those actions can be used to cover up drunk driving.

A year before the traffic accident, Robinson was the senior officer in charge when Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski was jolted several times with an RCMP Taser and died at Vancouver's airport.

Robinson and three fellow officers still face perjury charges, accused of lying under oath in that case.

Commissioner Thomas Braidwood concluded in his final report into Dziekanski's death that the officers deliberately misrepresented their actions during the investigations and during their testimony to his inquiry.

"I want him (Robinson) dismissed from the RCMP," Callens told a forum at the Radio Television Digital News Association annual provincial gathering on the weekend.

"Now he's convicted of obstruction of justice and so I say to myself, a reasonable-minded Canadian, a British Columbian, is outraged by that. I'm outraged by that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Approval

The RCMP Act gives Callens the power to suspend an officer if he considers the officer's actions serious misconduct. He must get approval from headquarters in Ottawa if he wants an officer suspended without pay.

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- 2-3 years design experience within a newspaper environment

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Accused familiar with area of murder, court hears

The trial of a man accused of killing Victoria Stafford has heard that a route he frequently travelled with an ex-girlfriend took him within a couple of minutes of where the eight-year-old girl was killed.

Tori was killed on April 8, 2009, but her remains went undiscovered for months under rocks in a corner of a remote farmer's field southeast of Mount Forest, Ont.

The area is more than 100 kilometres from where the Grade 3 student was abducted outside her school in Woodstock, Ont.

Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

His trial is hearing that at various points in his life Rafferty lived, worked and went to school in the Mount Forest area.

Ex-girlfriend Jennifer Etsell testified that when she dated Rafferty for several months in 2006 she would pick him up in Guelph, Ont., where he was living, and drive him to visit her in Hanover, Ont., on the weekends, taking a route that passed through Mount Forest.

Rafferty said his licence was suspended at the time, Etsell said, and that's why she picked him up. Under cross-examination she agreed her route stayed on Highway 6 and did not venture onto the rural back roads in the area.

The route from Highway 6 to the field where Tori was killed involved exiting the highway at one side road and turning onto another side road, court has seen.

Rafferty's defence has suggested that his girlfriend at the time of Tori's death, Terri-Lynne McClintic, was the "engine" behind the girl's abduction and murder. McClintic, who is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, has testified that Rafferty urged her to kidnap a girl and that he sexually assaulted Tori. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victoria (Tori) Stafford, 8
DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defence Department

Assault victim sues navy medic, seeks $1M in damages

A young woman who was sexually assaulted by a former Canadian navy medic during a physical exam when she was a recruit is suing the Department of National Defence and her assailant.

The aboriginal woman, who was 17 at the time, is seeking $1 million in damages for sexual assault, battery and negligence.

She also claims the Defence Department failed to follow up on previous complaints involving her assailant. A statement of claim contains allegations not yet proven in court.

James Wilks, a former petty officer second class, is currently serving nine months in jail for sexual assault and breach of trust relating to crimes committed in London and Sarnia, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The unique sound of space

Planetary phenomena. Scientists recreate the sounds of outer space by drawing on physics and mathematics

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

In space, the saying goes, no one can hear you scream. But what does space itself sound like?

Scientists used the principles of physics and mathematics to recreate the sounds of Venus, Mars and Saturn's moon Titan. Using the different aspects of pressures, temperatures and atmospheres they replicated what various natural phenomena like thunder and whirlwinds would sound like.

"All these probes have gone to other worlds and they have brilliant cameras, but they never told us what other worlds sound like," Tim Leighton, professor of ultrasonics and underwater acoustics at the University of Southampton, told Metro. He spearheaded the planetary sounds project.

Leighton explained that things sound differently on different planets because of the different atmospheres on any given planet.

Using the example of human voice, the way we make sound while talking is simple. The speaker creates audible words by vibrating their vocal chords. The higher the pitch, the faster the vocal chords move. By sounding higher, it makes the speaker seem smaller.

When you listen to someone speak, there is a slight echo of every note you say that comes from inside your body and outside from your surroundings.

This helps the listener perceive whether or not you are speaking in a big room or a tiny closet and how big of a creature you are. Leighton said that unconscious ability to hear these echoes probably developed as a survival trait so humans could figure out exactly how big that animal roaring in the distance was.

Things change on different planets. For example, on Venus, the pitch of someone's voice would drop from a soprano to a bass because they would have to push the thick, soupy atmosphere out of the way with the sound waves of their vocal projection. Also, because the speed of sound travels much faster on Venus, it would make the person sound smaller. You'd have to yell as well: The dense atmosphere would make it hard to hear.

"You'd sound like a bass Smurf," Leighton explained.

Titan

Sound of Saturn

Tim Leighton previously made headlines when he predicted what a waterfall of liquid methane would sound like on Titan.

When the Huygen's probe was sent to explore Titan for water in 2004, he wondered to himself what would happen if all visual equipment failed on the craft from the impact of the crash. Leighton said the only way to find out if the probe hit water would be to listen for the splash or a surrounding waterfall, but it wouldn't sound like what we normally hear on Earth.

Saturn's moon is especially interesting to researchers because it is the only other planet besides Earth where evidence of stable bodies of surface liquid had been found, and its climate has also been found to be similar to our planet. MICHELLE CASTILLO/METRO WORLD NEWS

Scan the code or visit metronews.ca to hear the sounds of space.

Discovery hitches a ride home

Space Shuttle Discovery, mounted atop a 747 shuttle carrier aircraft, prepares to land at Washington Dulles International Airport during the final trip to its retirement place on Tuesday in Chantilly, Virginia. The longest-serving orbiter in the space shuttle fleet was flown from Kennedy Space Center in Florida to the Washington, D.C. area to be transferred to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and will be placed on display in the museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

Minister defends Canadian aid cuts

A Conservative minister is defending budget cuts to Canada's overseas aid spending as an exercise in accountability.

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda says that a number of other countries, not just Canada, are making cuts to foreign aid.

"It's wrong to measure a country's effectiveness of making a difference in the world only by its inputs and the dollar amount," Oda said Tuesday.

"We have internationally led the way on the results focus on accountability for how money has been used and many countries are also following Canada's way in that regard."

Canada's foreign aid spending is one the many items on the Conservative chopping block in the government's efforts to trim the deficit and reduce overall spending.

Oda was asked about the issue during a conference call with reporters from Ukraine, where she was on a visit to support economic and democratic development.

Reduction

7.5%

The recent federal budget will see almost $38 million, or 7.5 per cent, stripped from Canada's aid budget.

Oda said Canadians want to help those less fortunate, and are very generous, but they also want to be sure public dollars are making a real difference.

"We have retained a strong commitment to various developing countries around the world," she said. "We also have to balance that with good use of public funds."

Critics say that even in a time of fiscal restraint the government can't justify cutting aid spending.

"Cutting aid is no way to balance the books," Oxfam International Executive Director Jeremy Hobbs said recently.

"Even small cuts in aid cost lives as people are denied life-saving medicines and clean water. Aid is such a tiny part of budgets that cutting it has no discernible impact on deficits — it is like cutting your hair to lose weight," he said in a statement.

Oda insisted accountability is just as important, or perhaps more important, than dollars spent.

She suggested the previous Liberal governments were more focused on the amount of money in question.

"There was less accountability of how that money was spent" in the past, she said.

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International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda

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Activists hold white placards reading "Syria stop" during the "White Wave" campaign to protest against the violence in Syria, in Paris, Tuesday. THIBAULT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria sanctions are working: Official

Protest. French minister hopes financial penalties will stop Syrian repression

International sanctions targeting Syria's repressive regime have depleted its foreign currency reserves by half — and Damascus is actively trying to evade them, the French foreign minister said Tuesday.

Alain Juppe called for a solid international response to such Syrian "manoeuvres" as he opened a Paris meeting of some 57 countries, including Arab League states, to reinforce sanctions against Syrian President Bashar Assad.

In an effort to ramp up the pressure in the face of a faltering cease-fire, Juppe plans to hold a meeting of core members of the Friends of Syria on Thursday, a French diplomatic source told The Associated Press. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the foreign ministers of Qatar and Turkey are among the invitees.

The aim is to send a "firm message" to Assad's regime, which has only partially complied with the truce aimed at ending 13 months of violence, the source said on condition of anonymity because the details of the meeting were still being finalized.

The international community has tried a variety of ways to pressure Assad's regime into ending its crack down, including financial sanctions, the subject of Tuesday's meeting. Juppe said Syrian authorities "continue to actively seek alternate routes to get around these sanctions."

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Syria's reserves

The actual size of Syria's foreign currency reserves was believed to be around $17 billion at the start of the uprising in March 2011.

- **Dwindling finances.** Juppe didn't specify how much of Syria's finances were impacted by sanctions, but said "our information" is that they have been cut in half.

Massive arrest

Iran arrests 15 on espionage charges

Iran's official news agency says more than 15 Iranian and foreign nationals have been arrested for allegedly spying for Israel, attempted assassination and sabotage.

The Tuesday IRNA report says the group planned to assassinate an Iranian expert as well sabotage the country's infrastructure. It added details to a report released earlier this month.

It said the group used Israeli diplomatic missions in Western counties to prepare plans. The expert's field was not identified. In the past, several Iranian nuclear experts have been killed.

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Palestine PM absent. Salam Fayyad pulls out of peace talks with Israel

The Palestinian prime minister pulled out of a planned meeting with Israel's leader on Tuesday, torpedoing what was set to be the highest-level talks between the sides in nearly two years.

The meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, attended by two lower level Palestinian officials, lasted less than an hour and ended with a brief joint statement pledging to seek peace. It signalled little progress was made.

Even before Salam Fayyad's pullout, both sides played down expectations for the meeting, which the Palestinians portrayed as a last-ditch effort to salvage peace talks before the U.S. presidential election season.

The statement said the Palestinians submitted a letter outlining their demands for resuming talks, and that Netanyahu had promised a response in two weeks.

"Israel and the Palestinian Authority are committed to reaching peace," the statement said. "The two sides hope that this exchange of letters will help find a way to advance peace."

The Palestinians were represented by Saeb Erekat, their chief negotiator, and a top security official, Majed Faraj. They gave no explanation for Fayyad's absence.

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Halifax beating victim tried to stop fight: Police

Good Samaritan. Police not ruling out hate crime as possible factor in well-known gay activist's death

ALY THOMSON
For Metro in Halifax

A well-known activist in the Halifax gay community died a Good Samaritan early Tuesday morning after attempting to stop a fight between two men outside a bar, police say.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said Raymond Taavel intervened between his alleged assailant, 32-year-old Andre Noel Denny, and another man outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street.

"The suspect turned and then began assaulting him," said Palmeter. "A passerby saw the injured man and the man running and was able to lead us in the direction to help us locate him."

Denny was found a short time later hiding in a nearby alley and police are treating the 49-year-old Taavel's death as a homicide, said Palmeter.

He'll appear in Halifax provincial court today charged with second-degree murder.

Police also would not say if the incident relates to a hate crime. Menz Bar is a gay bar in the city's north end.

"There has been speculation online and in the community that this was a hate crime," a statement by police read. "While we cannot provide specific information about the case as it is still under investigation, police have spoken to a number of witnesses and are considering all possibilities with respect to the motive."

Denny was a patient at the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Dartmouth and failed to return to the facility following an unescorted leave on Monday. He was in the hospital after being found not criminally responsible on a charge of assault causing bodily harm from Sydney.

Court documents from 2009 describe Denny as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and "being grossly psychotic" with a history of "aggressiveness, impulsivity and unpredictability."

Ingrid Cottenden paints in front of a makeshift memorial to Raymond Taavel on Gottingen St. in Halifax yesterday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Assault. Raymond Taavel wrote of previous gay-bashing in 2010

Tuesday's early-morning beating was not the first time Raymond Taavel was assaulted, according to a chilling article written by the victim himself two years ago in Wayves Magazine.

In the May 2010 article, Taavel, a former editor of the LGTB magazine, published a first-person account of his encounter with two men at a local pizza shop.

The 49-year-old, who died yesterday after being assaulted outside a bar on Gottingen St. in Halifax yesterday, wrote that he was confronted about being gay while waiting in line at The Big Slice at Halifax's "pizza corner" on May 17.

After admitting he was gay, Taavel wrote that he then received a "backhand" to the head from one of the men.

In the article, he described his reaction.

"Shock, fear, bewilderment, anger. These were some of the feelings that flashed through me as I glared a my assailant and his friend," Taavel wrote.

Taavel said he then called police and followed his assailant. He wrote that he felt "empowered" because he chose to act upon the attack.

"It reminded me that as a member of Halifax's LGBT community, I take my own safety for granted and I do so because I live my life freely and openly."

"I've been reminded firsthand via a backhand why I'll be marking May 17." METRO

Raymond Taavel, a Halifax activist, died Tuesday after attempting to break up a fight. FACEBOOK

Nova Scotia to propose legislation on online bullying

Nova Scotia Education Minister Ramona Jennex, right, seated beside Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk, with Industry Minister Tony at left, during a school visit in Dartmouth, N.S. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Legislation aimed at cyberbullying to be tabled Wednesday in the Nova Scotia legislature is being described by the education minister as a first step in the government's approach to bullying in schools.

Ramona Jennex announced the government's intention to bring forward amendments to the Education Act after the opposition Progressive Conservatives introduced three bills to combat bullying amid calls for faster government action from the family of a teen who committed suicide.

Jennex didn't reveal details about the legislation, but she said it would address recommendations set out by a task force on online bullying last month. She said the legislative changes would set the stage for further measures to deal with bullying in schools.

"Our legislation is really putting things in place and providing a framework ... for the continued work that we are doing," she said.

The family of Courtney Brown, a 17-year-old Parrsboro girl who took her own life in March 2011 after she had been bullied online, said they want the government to act quickly.

"When there are lives at stake, nothing is ever fast enough," said Tom Brown, Courtney's father.

The Brown family appeared at the legislature to support the Tory bill.

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Prevention

The Tory legislation would define cyberbullying in law and allow a series of fines to be levied.

- It would also hold parents liable if they are aware that a child is involved in online bullying and they fail to act to prevent it.

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Turbulent charge

Air Canada insulting democracy: Minister

Air Canada is "insulting" elected officials and democracy by not respecting its legal obligations to maintain its aircraft in Montreal, Quebec's Justice Minister said Tuesday.

The Quebec government is seeking a court ruling on the airline's obligations to heavy maintenance work that had been performed for the airline by Aveos Fleet Performance before it shut down and laid off all its employees.

Jean-Marc Fournier said Air Canada's unwillingness to maintain Aveos' operations runs against the spirit and letter of the law.

"It's an insult to democracy and its main participants, the elected officials," he told a news conference in Quebec City.

Aveos terminated about 2,600 jobs across the country, including some 1,800 in Montreal, when it suddenly obtained creditor protection and closed its operations last month.

Fournier said the province couldn't sit idly by and is asking Quebec Superior Court for a declaratory judgment following an unsatisfactory response from the Montreal-based airline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Biopsy warranted

Buffett diagnosed with cancer

Warren Buffett told his company's shareholders in an open letter Tuesday that he has been diagnosed with early-stage prostate cancer.

The 81-year-old billionaire investor and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. said his condition is "not remotely life-threatening" or debilitating. He said he and his doctors have decided on a two-month treatment plan that is to begin in mid-July.

Buffett said he was diagnosed April 11 and has received tests including a CAT scan, a bone scan and an MRI. He is one of the world's richest men.

Buffett's stake in Berkshire Hathaway was worth more than $43 billion as of December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Single remote

IKEA launches TV

IKEA has launched yet another product for your living room: the IKEA TV.

The new furniture range integrates an LED TV, a sound system with wireless bass speakers, an internet connection and CD, DVD and Blu-ray players — all in one piece. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surprising signal sends loonie higher

Clear message. Bank of Canada announcement to raise interest rates prompts rise in Canadian dollar

The Bank of Canada took markets by surprise Tuesday in sending a strong signal it is getting ready to raise interest rates based on improved prospects for the global and Canadian economies.

The hawkish statement sent the loonie immediately higher after the 9 a.m. ET release time, and it closed up 0.96 of a cent at 100.99 cents US.

As expected, the bank kept the trendsetting target rate at one per cent — where it has been since September 2010 — but it was the language in the accompanying statement that caught investors off guard.

Hawkish side

"This was ... a pretty serious amping up of the message ... And more surprising was the signal that rates will soon need to rise."

Douglas Porter, Bank of Montreal economist

"In light of the reduced slack in the economy and firmer underlying inflation, some modest withdrawal of the present considerable monetary policy stimulus may become appropriate, consistent with achieving the two per cent inflation target over the medium term," it said.

Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter said he was surprised bank governor Mark Carney would send such a clear intentions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economic forecast

The bank says the Canadian economy will likely expand by 2.4 per cent this year, and will return to full capacity in the first half of 2013, three-to-six months ahead of pace.

- **Essentially.** The bank is expecting growth to happen faster, but not necessary be any stronger overall than its previous forecast.

Oracle suits up to take on Google in court

Oracle CEO Larry Ellison, left, puts on his suit as arrives for a court appearance at a federal building in San Francisco on Tuesday. Oracle intends to rely heavily on Google's own internal emails to prove Google's top executives knew they were stealing a popular piece of technology to build the Android software that now powers more than 300 million smartphones and tablet computers. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

DOLLAR 100.99¢ (+0.96¢)

Natural gas: $1.951 US (-6.5¢)
Dow Jones: 13,115.54 (+194.13)

TSX 12,136.94 (+99.35)

OIL $104.20 US (+$1.27)

GOLD $1,651.10 US (+1.40)

Rogers Video. Rentals out, liquidation underway

Rogers has officially bailed on the video store business.

In December, the company announced it was shuttering 40 per cent of its video shops. On Tuesday, Rogers confirmed its more than 90 remaining video stores stopped renting movies and games late last week and are now in liquidation mode. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sears Canada to make it easier to return products

London, Ont., native Calvin McDonald, president and CEO of Sears Canada, addresses the Annual General Meeting for Sears Canada in Toronto, Tuesday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Returning products to Sears stores will get a lot easier starting next month, the company said Tuesday.

The national retailer will overhaul long-standing return policies that have sometimes left customers frustrated, new chief executive Calvin McDonald said Tuesday at the Sears Canada annual meeting.

Sears will scrap the 10-day return policies that have existed for years and it will also stop charging a 20 per cent restocking fee for big ticket items such as appliances, electronics and outdoor power equipment, among others.

The changes are part of a major revamp of operations at Sears Canada,which has been struggling to overcome losses as well as find its strategy ahead of an onset of new competition from discount retailers like Walmart and Target.

"When we look at the market, times are tough. Consumer confidence is low and unemployment is not getting dramatically better," McDonald told shareholders.

"There are a lot of reasons we can sit and point to how and why it's tough to grow topline, but we don't look at those factors."

Instead, the company will focus on improving its product, store conditions and marketing, he said.

McDonald was brought on last summer to help reverse recent losses, and he immediately began an initiative to de-clutter the stores. Last month, the company said three high-profile department stores in Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa would close by the end of October affecting some 670 jobs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Downsizing

While McDonald said there are no plans to close further locations, he outlined plenty of other drastic reductions at the company as part of a three-year plan aimed at transforming operations.

- **Top of the list is a massive reduction in the number of brands it sells, down to 20 from a staggering 90 brands.**

NATION'S SMARTEST IS A TIGER-CAT? WHO KNEW

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Apparently, I'm not Canada's Smartest Person.

This will not come as a great surprise to a long-suffering cadre of readers, friends, enemies and loved ones, but now it's confirmed:

Canada's Smartest Person is Peter Dyakowski, offensive lineman for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who won the CBC-TV competition of the same name and is now enjoying his victory lap on the smart circuit.

For instance, next week, he appears at a Mensa Convention at the Marriott Gateway in Niagara Falls, where he will compete for gold in the Couch PotatOlympics and build a working model of a trebuchet.

For those of you who aren't so smart, that's a siege engine that fires stones at the ramparts.

Hmph.

I guess it will sound like sour grapes if I dare to ask why Canada's Smartest Person is wasting his time tinkering with trebuchets at a tourist trap instead of figuring out how to eliminate the deficit or cure cancer, but really.

And how did he get to be Canada's Smartest Person anyway? Did he threaten to bombard the CBC fortress on Front Street with rocks? Or does it have something to do with the fact that he is six-five and 325 pounds? He wants to be Canada's Smartest Person, let him be Canada's Smartest Person. Just don't make him mad.

Turns out he endured 17 hours of taping that tested multiple dimensions of intelligence: physical, musical, logical, linguistic, visual and interpersonal. As the program progressed, he was so far ahead of the competition with two science brainiacs and a "spoken word artist," that the host of show told him: "Peter, we don't care about your score anymore."

So, apart from the fact that Canada's Real Smartest Person is too busy to bother with a quiz show no matter how multidimensional, we have to concede that Peter won it fair and square and there was no penalty flag on the play (I keep mixing up my sports commentary and my egghead commentary. Excuse me. Not smart enough.)

Of course, this is a great victory for offensive lineman, who are usually lumped together and called "Grunts" or "Hogs." Now we have to call them "Smarter".

Of course, the real star of any show is not the offensive lineman or even the polymath. It's the quarterback, and will always be the quarterback.

And on the same day he signed a $26-million contract with the Seattle Seahawks, Peter Dyakowski's college quarterback, Matt Flynn, texted Peter to say that being the smartest Canadian is like winning a foot race at a fat camp, which offends on so many levels, you'd have to be a genius to figure them all out.

Peter, by the way, won a plastic trophy. How smart is that?

Peter Dyakowski of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats was the winner of the CBC show Canada's Smartest Person. BARRY GRAY/HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Let the countdown begin

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London 2012

100 days to go until the Olympics

Young Chinese athletes practice Taekwondo techniques before the rehearsal ceremony to mark a 100-day countdown to London 2012 Olympic Games outside the Bird's Nest Tuesday, in Beijing, China.

As London organizers put the finishing touches on the venues, athletes around the world are training for the big moment.

With Wednesday marking the 100-day countdown to the London Olympics, it's time to take a look at some of the athletes who will stand out on the global stage this summer.

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Top 10

From the track to the pool to the hardwood, here's a list of 10 to watch (mindful that some still need to qualify):

Usain Bolt: His performance in Beijing four years ago was magical — gold medals and world records in the 100 metres, 200 metres and sprint relay.

Michael Phelps: After winning a record eight gold medals in Beijing, the 26-year-old American swimmer is back for his final big splash before retirement.

Oscar Pistorius: The South African double amputee, who runs on carbon-fiber blades, is looking to make history by becoming the first amputee runner to compete in an Olympics.

Hiroshi Hoketsu: At the age of 71, the Japanese equestrian rider will be the oldest competitor in London.

Kerri Walsh/Misty May-Treanor: No one will be more in the spotlight than Americans Walsh and May-Treanor, who won gold medals in Athens and Beijing in beach volleyball and are favourites for a third title in London.

Chris Hoy: Winner of three gold medals in Beijing, the British track cyclist is one of the host nation's top hopes for glory in the spectacular new velodrome.

Neymar: Argentina failed to qualify for the Olympic football competition, meaning Lionel Messi won't be coming. But Brazil did qualify and Neymar is the player to watch.

Kevin Durant: It's hard to single out any single player from the star-studded U.S. basketball team. This will be the chance for Oklahoma City Thunder forward Durant to show his Olympic credentials.

Lin Dan: Widely considered the greatest badminton player of all time, China's 'Super Dan' is a four-time world champion, five-time All England winner and the reigning Olympic gold medallist.

Katie Taylor: With women's boxing making its Olympic debut in London, the Irish fighter is a good bet for gold in the lightweight (60 kg) division.

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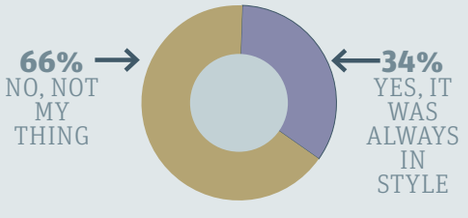

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@garison: Quick coffee with @chatiee before I have to drop her off at the #YXE (@ Caffe Sola)

@goldenboypaul: Seriously #yxe. Is this a real subdivision called holmwood and who thinks it looks like a fresh roll? :-p http://twitpic.com/9ayjkq

@meganlust: @lisemerle what?! #yqr gets a food truck before #yxe. Okay we need to step it up.

@DaniellaKhoei: Comfort food for supper I think so... Beefaroni a childhood fave!

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Scene in brief

Ferguson returning to his roots with Late Late Show

Craig Ferguson is going back to Scotland and taking Late Late Show viewers along for the trip. CBS says the Scotland-based episodes will air the week of May 14. While there, Ferguson explores Edinburgh and Glasgow. He also returns to his hometown of Cumbernauld, with stops at his childhood home and high school. On the trip, taped last month, he's joined by actors Mila Kunis, Michael Clarke Duncan and Rashida Jones, as well as author-humorist David Sedaris. Music will be performed by local Glasgow rock band The Imagineers. This marks the second international trip for the show. It went to Paris last year.
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On the web

Ben Flajnik, Courtney Robertson say they're still headed down the aisle, just not anytime soon

Nicholas Sparks, the man behind The Notebook, is the writer of the new release The Lucky One. HANDOUT

Making silver screen Sparks

Nicholas Sparks. The man behind The Notebook and Dear John returns to the big screen with The Lucky One

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The word romance conjures up different ideas for different people.

Some folks, when they muse about love, create pictures of Fabio locked in an embrace with a raven-haired beauty in their mind's eye. Others imagine John Cusack, boombox raised above his head, lurking outside his beloved's bedroom window.

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He is the premier romance writer of his generation, single handedly giving Harlequin a run in the tearjerker department. Who else could write a line like, "Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it," with a straight face?

The flowery pen behind novels and screenplays like The Notebook, Dear John and Nights in Rodanthe returns with this weekend's parcel of passion, The Lucky One, a story of good luck charms and true love.

Romance writer

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He writes tales of love and loss, of mighty obstacles overcome and lip-locks galore, which he defines as "dramatic epic love stories" along the lines of "Eric Segal's Love Story or The Bridges of Madison County … But you can even go all the way back. You had Hemingway write A Farewell to Arms, the movies of the forties — Casablanca, From Here to Eternity — Shakespeare, and that's the genre I work in."

He caught some flack for comparing himself to Shakespeare — one writer said, "If Sparks is like Shakespeare, then a house painter is like Picasso." — but the fact remains that his unconventional love stories have made his name synonymous with the romance genre.

Sitting at the top of the list is The Notebook, which made stars of Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling. Marie Claire magazine says, "this movie is packed with heart-fluttering-ly incredible love scenes … that it's impossible to choose just one," but Noah and Allie's boat ride on the lake surrounded by swans is generally considered to be the most memorable moment in a movie that is essentially just one long love scene.

Peter Travers called Message in a Bottle "a hazard to all those allergic to ponderous chick flicks," but the movie features great romantic chemistry between Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn and a scene stealing performance from Paul Newman.

Even Miley Cyrus has been Sparksified. She chose the author to pen The Last Song, her fist post Hannah Montana movie, because she was a huge fan of his other weepie A Walk to Remember.

Music collaborations. The Big Pink still riding success of Nicki Minaj song

The Big Pink may be best known in America as the band who supplied the main sample for the Nicki Minaj song, Girls Fall Like Dominoes, but their new album, Future This, may be a chance for them to step outside the shadow of Pink Friday. The latest release from the British band, which is centered around singer and guitarist Robbie Furze and synth and beats programmer Milo Cordell, is full of the characteristic huge chorus hooks that made Minaj first take notice — and should soon make the rest of the world's ears perk up.

"I kind of love that pop that comes from all of the greatest bands — The Beatles or the Stones or The Beastie Boys or Nirvana," says Cordell. "I think that's what we enjoy doing, writing hooks."

Music

"I think that's what we enjoy doing, writing hooks." Milo Cordell

But Cordell says that this preference for combining out-there sounds with catchy pop may have worked for those groups, but it's definitely not a fail-safe formula.

When the 2009 song Dominoes became last year's Girls Fall Like Dominoes single, that was a great push to expose them to American audiences. The Nicki Minaj collaboration came about pretty easily.

"Dominoes had been around in England, and it was kind of a hit in England. It bubbled away everywhere, and we got an e-mail where our manager said to us, 'There's this guy, a producer called J.R. Rotem, who is writing a track for this female rapper and they're using 'Dominoes' as the main sample,' and we're like, 'Cool.' And we never really heard anything about it," Cordell laughed.
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A collaboration with Nicki Minaj has put The Big Pink on the map in North America. HANDOUT

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Ashton Kutcher

Kutcher and Kunis hooking up?

Former That 70s Show co-stars Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis are reportedly seeing each other — and trying to keep it quiet, according X17 Online.

Earlier this week, the pair were spotted shopping for furniture before grabbing dinner at a sushi restaurant and then heading back to Kutcher's home.

"Ashton was touching Mila's hand and Mila was all dressed up," a source says of the dinner. "She looked hot; this was definitely more than a dinner between friends — this was a full-on date."

Halle Berry is never, ever going to get married again ... starting now

Halle Berry

Halle Berry has confirmed that she is engaged to Olivier Martinez.

"Who knew? I swore it off, right?" Berry tells Extra. "Never say never, people."

But "never" is exactly what Berry said to Oprah Winfrey in 2004.

"I will never marry again. I mean it with every bone in my body." And three years later, she told InStyle magazine, "I will never, never get married again."

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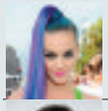

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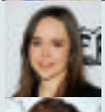

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Sweater vests, they solve the age old problem, hot arms...cold chest.

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People attack me every day. I try to roll with it. Some days, I do better than others.

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Wouldn't it be funny if God only cared about how you looked?

The Word

Facing your fears through fist pumps

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Jersey Shore star Vinny Guadagnino is out to prove there's more to him than just being a sly guido who occasionally suffers from pink eye.

In his new book, Control the Crazy: My Plan to Stop Stressing, Avoid Drama, and Maintain Inner Cool, Guadagnino proves that he can not only pronounce such serious names as Deepak Chopra, Thich Nhat Hanh and Ekhart Tolle, but he also sees himself as an "ambassador" to their influential brand of pop psych for a younger generation.

"They are the masters. I certainly didn't invent this stuff, but it wasn't them inventing it either," he told Metro during a recent interview. "It's just a message that can be told in many different voices — a Buddhist monk, a psychologist, a spiritual guru or now, you know, a cast member of the Jersey Shore."

For Guadagnino, who has suffered from various panic disorders since high school, and even during Season 1 of the show that made him famous, it was this anxiety that led him to start reading the self-help genre.

"I started to read these books and put together a program in my head for myself. That program is what I use a lot on four seasons of Jersey Shore, and it's gotten me through all of them."

Until last year, at least, when Guadagnino took a brief hiatus from Season 5.

"The last season got a little overbearing for me, because we had this stressful schedule where we had to come over and start a new season straight from Italy," he explains of his dramatic (yet brief) departure from the series.

"What happened on the show, it happened for me naturally. So I said, 'You know what? Now's the perfect opportunity to try to help people because they know I'm not bulls—ting. It's all real life.'"

Robert Downey Jr. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Robert Downey Jr. thinks parenting is no big deal

Parenting is nothing new to Robert Downey Jr. — he already has an 18-year-old son from a previous marriage, Indio — but the Iron Man star admits he was filled with fear before the February 7 birth of his new son, Exton.

"There was all this trepidation, all this projection, all the anticipation and goodwill and a good vibe about it," he tells Esquire.

"But what you're squeezing to the side — or what's in the glove box — is these thousands of forms of fear. And then he was born and they've all just kind of scattered now. It seems like he's always been here."

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Will France be the location for the Jolie-Pitt wedding?

Now that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's engagement is official, the big question is where the famous couple will tie the knot.

They own homes in Los Angeles, New Orleans and France — and their sprawling chateau there has recently been under construction, leading sources to speculate it will be the location for the big event, according to People magazine. And the country is close to Jolie's heart, being the birthplace of both her late mother and her three-year-old twins, Knox and Vivienne. But locals in the area are doubtful the couple will wed there.

3 LIFE

Animal Kingdom rides to victory at last year's Kentucky Derby. MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Come for the Derby, but explore beyond the track

Louisville. While the city is best known for a horse race, there's also baseball bats and boxers to be had

Shadowbox with a silhouetted Muhammad Ali. Grab a bat and take a few swings in a batting cage at the Louisville Slugger Museum. Dig into a Hot Brown at the place where the savory sandwich was created.

Louisville is home to plenty of originals that liven up a visit to Kentucky's largest city, best known for a two-minute sporting event.

It's the iconic horse track that overshadows everything in town on the first Saturday in May. That's when the Kentucky Derby is run at Churchill Downs — where mint juleps flow, women sport flowery hats and sleek thoroughbreds race for immortality.

But visitors don't have to be horse racing buffs to enjoy the charms of this city along the Ohio River.

The spring greenery is always dazzling in the Bluegrass state. While in Louisville, visitors can stroll along Waterfront Park — the city's 85-acre front yard. The expansive playground near downtown offers panoramic views of downtown and the Ohio River.

"This time of year, Louisvillians get so happy," said local restaurateur Lynn Winter. "It's like everyone comes out."

Not far from the park, several museums are clustered within four blocks in the city's downtown, which features an array of restaurants and shops. Among the most popular destinations are the Muhammad Ali Center and the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory.

The Ali Center showcases the boxing career of the former world heavyweight champion known as "the Louisville Lip," and highlights his social activism and humanitarian causes out of the ring.

Ali, who turned 70 in January, grew up in the West End neighbourhood of Louisville.

A short walk away, visitors can see workers crafting bats used by big leaguers. The

The Louisville Slugger museum
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Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is a treasure trove of memorabilia that features bats used by Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Ted Williams and other Hall of Famers. Visitors can pick a bat, wood or aluminum, and take a crack in the batting cages.

"We have little kids and big kids alike," said employee Tony Fowler.

The springtime pace in town can seem as fast as on the track at Churchill Downs. The big horse race may only last two minutes, but the pre-race celebration lasts weeks during the Kentucky Derby Festival.

Leading up to the Derby, the city celebrates with a giant fireworks show, a parade, a steamboat race and a balloon race — among the highlights of a festival that also features athletic events, music and food.

Restaurants and watering holes are abundant in town, an hour's drive or so from distilleries producing world-famous bourbons.

At the Brown Hotel, one of the city's landmark places to stay, visitors can dig into a Hot Brown. A local favourite, it's an open-faced turkey and bacon sandwich covered with Mornay sauce (a creamy cheese sauce).

But Louisville's most enduring landmark is still Churchill Downs, situated south of downtown. The spring racing meet begins April 28, a week before the Run for the Roses.

Visitors can watch Derby contenders go through workouts in preparation for the big race, but it requires an early wake-up call.

Churchill's Dawn at the Downs offer runs from Tuesday to Thursday of Derby week, May 1st to 3rd this year, and includes a sumptuous Kentucky-style breakfast buffet from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in a dining space overlooking the finish line.

Carolyn Hayden of Louisville brought her extended family from California to tour the track. "On a pretty day it's great to be outside at the track," she said.

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If you go...

- **For visitor information.** Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau: One Riverfront Plaza, 401 W. Main St., Suite 2300, Louisville, Ky.; gotolouisville.com or 800-626-5646. Louisville Visitors Center, 301 S. Fourth St., 502-379-6109.

Travel in brief

African Queen sails again

The African Queen, the iconic original vessel from the classic film of the same name, is plying nearshore waters and canals in the Florida Keys again. Keys sailing charter operators Lance and Suzanne Holmquist inked an agreement with the 100-year-old boat's owner and invested some $70,000 to restore the boat that carried Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn to movie history. The boat was originally brought to Key Largo in 1983 and restored then, but has languished as an out-of-the-water display for the past 11 years. Stephen Bogart, son of the film star, was present during a relaunch event Thursday for the vessel, registered as a national historic site. Next week, the Holmquists are to begin daily cruises for Keys visitors from the Holiday Inn Key Largo.
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On the web

Money talks in Olympic hotel search: London's top hotels poised to pamper wealthy guests

Give new life to old favourites by discovering their fruitier side

Add a new twist to a family favourite with the addition of canned California cling peaches.

These delicious California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos are topped with Peach Slaw. Adding peaches boost your daily fruit servings, creating a healthier meal.

1. In a bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, yogurt, lime juice, garlic, salt and cayenne. Drain peaches well and chop. Place in a large bowl; add slaw, coriander and half the mayonnaise mixture. Stir to combine.

2. Sprinkle the chicken with TexMex seasoning. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook chicken, stirring for about 10 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Warm shells. Add chicken and drizzle with some of the remaining mayo mixture and hot sauce (if using). Top with slaw.

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 mL) light mayo
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) peach halves, in light syrup
- 2 cups (500 mL) packaged coleslaw or broccoli slaw mix
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) chopped fresh coriander
- 4 skinless boneless chicken cutlets, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp (10 mL) TexMex seasoning
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 8 large taco shells or small flour tortillas
- Hot sauce (optional)

California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos with Peach Slaw

This recipe serves eight people. NEWS CANADA

Drink of the Week

Basil Mango Lime Smoothie with Chai

1. In bowl, combine chia seeds, water and lime juice. Set aside for 1 hour to let seeds plump and become gelatinous. In blender, combine soaked chia seeds (with liquid), honey, lime zest, basil, mango and yogurt. Blend until smooth.

- 1 tbsp chai seeds
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp honey
- Finely chopped zest of 1/2 lemon
- 4 fresh basil leaves
- 10-oz package frozen mango chunks, thawed
- 2 cups fat-free vanilla yogurt

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Apple & Cheddar Pizza for lunch

Frozen puff pastry makes this elegant crowd pleaser as easy as (pizza) pie! You'll love the flavour complements of sweet Ontario apples, mellow caramelized onions, tangy aged cheddar and fresh thyme. Cut into small squares for an appetizer, or serve with a crisp green salad for a light lunch.

1. Melt butter in heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onions, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes or until caramelized and softened. Stir in apple wedges and cook 5 minutes or until apples are firm and a light golden colour. Add vinegar, salt and pepper. Let cool slightly.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) butter
- 2 onions, sliced into 1/4 inch (6mm) rounds
- 2 Ontario apples, cored and sliced into wedges
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cider vinegar
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- Half a pkg. frozen butter puff pastry sheets (1 sheet), thawed
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded aged white cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh thyme leaves

This recipe serves four to six. NEWS CANADA

2. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Roll puff pastry into a flat 10-inch (25 cm) square. Cut a 1/2-inch (1 cm) strip from each side. Brush the edges of the remaining pastry square with water and arrange strips on top, trimming, to form a border (or pizza crust) on all four sides. Using fork, prick bottom of pastry all over. Arrange onion and apple mixture inside border. Sprinkle with cheddar and thyme.

3. Bake in the centre of preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden and cheddar is melted and bubbly. Let cool 5 minutes before slicing into squares. Serve warm or at room temperature. NEWS CANADA/ ONAPPLES.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

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On pounding the electronic pavement

Compute my career.
The highs and lows of the job hunt in the age of the internet

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Keeping those fingers on the keys, is key. ISTOCK

In the not-so-distant past, searching for a job was very grounded in the physical world: going to specific organizations, bringing in printed-off resumés and begging human resources for applications that could easily be recycled as soon as they had been filled out.

Now things have shifted to the web, that elusive, beckoning system of interconnectedness and global reach.

Here are some benefits and drawbacks of hunting electronically for a tangible target.

Establishing the hunting grounds

Jobs can now be found globally or locally, which means that the job opportunities available to you are only limited to how far you're willing to relocate.

Looking up a Japanese CEO who has the same obsession as you on Google is a lot easier than flying to Japan for a costly meet-and-greet only to catastrophically find out that he or she meant to write something totally different in their tweet. But now, there are also thousands of other equally multilingual, PhD-having job candidates sending in resumés, meaning you must be at the top of your game – or have something that others don't.

Hunting equipment

The downside to the online job search is that your resumé is expected to be a work of graphic artistry.

If you, like many of us, are thinking about enslaving a graphic designer for your own marketing needs, LinkedIn and other portfolio websites give you a nice (and legal!) way out. Another bonus: if you're actually a graphic artist, your entire portfolio can be seen at the click of a button!

I heart jobs

"You need to be a brand of yourself: a charming, sans serif love letter to your preferred employer"
Arina Kharlamova

Personal scent

Online marketing is everything. You need to be a brand yourself: a charming, sans serif love letter to your preferred employer, which means having the right skills and captivating them with simplicity.

However, being a niche with your name stamped at the top of the webpage means that you need to provide what you marketed. As far as image goes, keep the picture as risqué as the one you'd show a gaggle of your 13-year-old brother's friends (i.e., not risqué at all!) Hopefully your employer-to-be will be impressed enough by your vivacious emails so as to not Google your name and find the Grade 8 pictures you used on an old account.

Offline, a lack of self-marketing can be overcome with enthusiasm. Meeting people in the real world has its advantages (like an instant Vulcan mind-meld-like connection), but those benefits can easily be carried over to the web and multiplied to almost life-like proportions, whether you're a burgeoning wordsmith or not.

Just like your employer can Google you, your own research on the company and hopefully, your future interviewer, can increase the ease of a connection.

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Web of wisdom

If you're not sure where to start or how to build a blog, portfolio or online resume, check out one of these free services and get cracking:

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It shows you are the expert.
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It shows passion.
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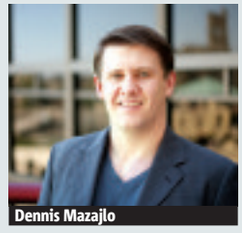
Student Voice

On target: The creative career search


Dennis Mazajlo

Everyone knows what to do if you want to be an accountant: take the required courses in your third and fourth year, apply to the Big Four and you're on your way.

Want to be a lawyer? Take an undergraduate degree with a strong writing or philosophy component, do well on your LSATs and pick a school.

The steps for certain careers are a matter of jumping through hoops. But what if the career you want is anything but conventional?

My name is Dennis Mazajlo and I'm a third-year student in business management and organizational studies at Western University in London, Ontario. I've wanted to be an entrepreneur ever since running a one-day ice cream store for my high school entrepreneurship class. Since then I've taken on other projects like creating an annual fundraiser for distance runners in my hometown.

Recently I decided to get creative and swing for the fences. There is a company in Los Angeles called NationBuilder that I tried to get an interview for. I created a campaign on their website to get their attention called 16 Days of Dennis. I contacted the founder through Twitter on the first day (along with sending a traditional resumé) and had around 20 people tweeting him telling him to interview me.

On April 3, I had a first round interview over Skype with the VP of sales at NationBuilder.

With a traditional resumé, a few emails and a follow-up phone call you may not stand out. By running a targeted campaign, I've been able to keep myself accountable publicly and have some fun. I encourage you to follow me @dennismaz and keep an eye out for future projects.

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Workplace

Misconceptions at work

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"Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary." –Winston Churchill

This is as true at work as it is in life, except that in workplace law there is always an exception. Here is a sampling of some of the questions readers of this column frequently ask and the answers that I often provide.

Should I respond to a poor performance appraisal?
The short answer is yes. Even if you are not given an opportunity to disapprove, you should do so anyway.

Point out, in writing, that the standards expected of you were not objectively reasonable, were beyond your capability, were not communicated properly or that suitable instructions were not given.

Ensure your response is placed in your employee file.

I am told that non-competes will never be enforced?
Courts prefer not to enforce these clauses but that is not a good reason to sign them anyway.

In practice, once your signature is on a document, it is hard to show that you are not bound by it.

If you are given an agreement that you disagree with, then try not to sign it.

Can I be fired while I am on sick leave?
You cannot be fired from your job because you are sick or on sick leave.

But you can be fired for any other non-discriminatory reason, such as restructuring or lack of work.

There are obvious adverse inferences if you are suddenly fired when you get sick so you should not necessarily accept the reason you are given.

I should have received a promotion.
This is one of my favourite misconceptions.

There is no right to a promotion or even a salary increase, no matter how long or meritorious your service.

This remains within the discretion of your employer — and if you don't like it, you have the right to leave.

I signed an independent contractor agreement but I am truly an employee.
In reality, it usually does not matter that workers sign agreements confirming they are independent from their employers.

When this characterization is challenged, sometimes many years later, courts are apt to find these workers are truly employees.

Many times the contract represents little else than a "label."

What matters is how the parties actually behave.

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Blackhawks-Coyotes

Phoenix takes series lead with overtime win in Chicago

Mikkel Boedker scored 13:15 into overtime, and the Phoenix Coyotes beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 lead in their wild and physical opening-round Western Conference playoff series.

Game 4 is Thursday night at the United Center.

Boedker scored from the left side of the net, beating goalie Corey Crawford as the teams played their third straight overtime game.

Chicago played most of the night without regular-season points leader Marian Hossa, who was taken off the ice on a stretcher in the first period after a hit by Raffi Torres.

Andrew Brunette and Michael Frolic had goals for the Blackhawks, and Rostislav Klesla and Ray Whitney scored for the Coyotes in regulation.

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Canucks

Sedin's status up in the air in L.A.

Daniel Sedin returned to practice with the Vancouver Canucks on Tuesday, but there was no word whether he would play in the crucial Game 4 of their series with the Los Angeles Kings.

The Canucks' top goal-scorer and last season's Hart Trophy finalist skated with teammates in Los Angeles on Tuesday after suffering a concussion 12 games ago.

Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault says the team's medical staff will determine whether Sedin should play.

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Panthers stage 4-goal comeback

NHL. Florida wins and takes 2-1 series lead despite trailing Devils 3-0 after six minutes

Brian Campbell, left, and goalie Scott Clemmensen of the Florida Panthers react in the final seconds of their 4-3 win against Zach Parise of the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Two days after ending a 15-year playoff drought, the Florida Panthers staged their greatest post-season comeback, knocked out an old nemesis and seemingly found themselves a new goaltender.

Brian Campbell scored on a second-period power play and the Panthers rallied from an early three-goal deficit to defeat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 on Tuesday night behind a 19-save performance in relief by Scott Clemmensen over the final 54 minutes.

Not only did the Panthers take a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference, first-round series, they did it by sending Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur to the bench after only 22 minutes.

"The story of this series has been the momentum swings," Clemmensen said after making only his second career playoff appearance and posting his first win. "We're only three games in, but we've seen three goals up, three goals down. For us, we've proven we can come back from three goals down. They have proven to us that they can come back.

"It's a matter of perseverance for us and the unity in this room."

Sean Bergenheim, Jason Garrison and Mike Weaver also scored for the Panthers, who had never rallied from more than a one-goal deficit in their post-season history, with the last one coming in a 4-3 win against Pittsburgh on May 30, 1996.

Game 3

Panthers	Devils
4	3

"That's not going to happen again," Campbell said. "We can't rely on that. We have to have good special teams and we want to win that battle. We can't put ourselves in those holes and expect to get back into it using the power play."

The power play is the main reason the Panthers are ahead. They converted on all three of their power plays against the league's top-ranked penalty kill unit, and are now six-for-10 in the series with the man advantage.

"I think we definitely got overexcited about that three-goal lead and let them back in the game being a little undisciplined, and they got some goals off their power play," said Brodeur, who was a little miffed being lifted in the second period with the game tied.

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Powerful Panthers

- Florida converted on all three of its power plays against the league's top-ranked penalty kill unit, and is now 6 of 10 in the series with the man advantage.
- Campbell got the game winner on the Panthers' third and final power play, and like most of the goals, it came on a shot from the point that got past Johan Hedberg.

Relentless Red Wings can't solve Rinne

Predators goalie Pekka Rinne deflects a shot by Red Wings right wing Danny Cleary on Tuesday in Detroit. CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pekka Rinne made the Detroit Red Wings' dominant performance meaningless.

Rinne made 40 saves, and Kevin Klein scored a go-ahead goal 6:25 into the third period, lifting the Nashville Predators to a 3-1 win over Detroit on Tuesday night and a 3-1 lead in the first-round Western Conference playoff series.

"Usually, the game gets easier when you face more pucks," Rinne said.

Nashville can eliminate Detroit in Game 5 on Friday.

"Now we're in a tough situation," Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom said. "We've got to go down to Nashville and win one game."

Game 4

Predators	Red Wings
3	1

Predators rookie Gabriel Bourque broke a scoreless tie 1:55 into the third period. Detroit's Niklas Kronwall tied it 1:19 later with a power-play goal that was waved off on the ice but reversed by video review.

The Red Wings pulled goalie Jimmy Howard to add an extra skater with 1:31 left, but had to put him back in the net because Henrik Zetterberg was called for high-sticking with 55.8 seconds left. David Legwand's power-play goal sealed the win with 39 seconds left.

Rinne stopped the first 29 shots he faced, including a kick save on Lidstrom's slap shot at the end of the second period.

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4 SPORTS

Football

NFL releases next season's schedule

Football fans won't have to wait long to see Peyton Manning in a Broncos uniform. Manning's first game as Broncos quarterback will come in prime time as Denver hosts Pittsburgh on the opening Sunday of the NFL season. Steelers at Broncos is one of four prime-time games in the league's kickoff week, Sept. 5-10. The schedule, released Tuesday, has the Super Bowl champion Giants hosting the Cowboys in the first Wednesday NFL game since 1948; the league moved the game to avoid a conflict with President Barack Obama's Thursday night speech at the Democratic National Convention. The now-traditional Monday night opening doubleheader has Cincinnati at Baltimore, followed by San Diego at Oakland.

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On the web

The Bobcats have been NBA playoff afterthoughts all season, but with six games remaining there is still something worth fighting for in Charlotte. The Bobcats are desperate to get one more win to avoid statistically becoming the worst team in NBA history. Scan the code for the story.

5 DRIVE

What Owners Like

Most Accent owners rate the styling, spaciousness, ride quality and handling of their machines highly. Many report positively on fuel mileage as well. Performance looks adequate with the manual transmission on board. Good manoeuvrability and an easy-driving character round out the package.

What Owners Dislike

A sub-par factory audio system, high highway revs and easily-scratched interior plastics are among this generation of Accent's most common complaints.

On the Web

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Accent's value & reliable operation

Second Gear.
2006 to 2011
Hyundai Accent

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Available in 3-door hatchback or sedan configurations, the last-generation Hyundai Accent was affordable, thrifty, nice to drive, and surprisingly roomy and quiet. It enjoyed a successful sales life while turning many first-time car shoppers onto the Hyundai brand. For shoppers after a cheap-to-run compact on a budget, Accent was hard to beat.

Common Issues

Check your used Accent's clutch for slippage or signs of wear, as some owners have reported having to replace it early on. If the model you're driving has a manual transmission and exhibits any clutch chatter or slippage, move to another unit, or negotiate for a new clutch. A check-engine light may be caused by a bad emissions system component. Be sure to determine and remedy any check-engine lights before agreeing to purchase.

Have a Hyundai mechanic check the underside of your potential used Accent for signs of a leak from the transaxle.

If the power windows appear to move slowly or 'chatter' on their way up or down, the involved window regulator may be on its way out.

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Engine

All Accent models got a 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing and 110 horsepower. A four-speed automatic or five-speed manual attached it to the front wheels.

Verdict

Other than a few minor issues, this generation of Accent looks to be reliable —especially if well maintained. A healthy model should offer up a pleasant and thrifty driving experience and lower-than-average used prices.

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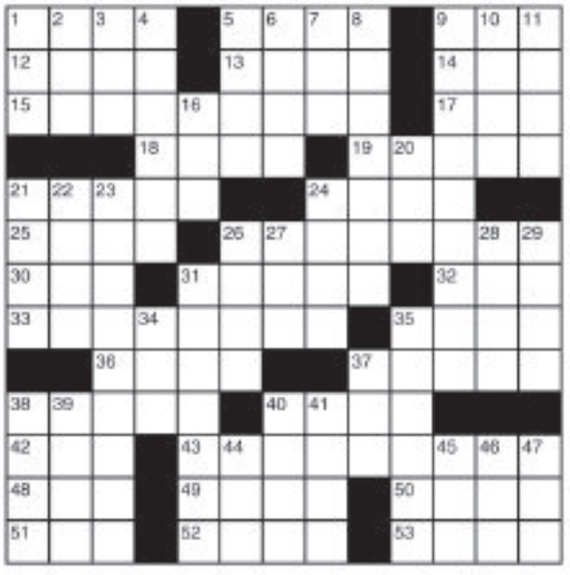
Crossword

Across

1 Plate
5 BLT topper
9 Spot on a domino
12 Vicinity
13 The yoke's on them
14 Equal (Prefix)
15 Theater balcony
17 Buddhist sect
18 Performances
19 Demolished
21 Chaplain
24 Rice-A- —
25 Saharan
26 Trimmed with wide ruffles
30 Emerald City VIP
31 Disgusting
32 Lawyers' org.
33 City of Galilee
35 Teensy bit
36 "Dies —"
37 Sustained hum
38 Star of Cygnus
40 Prompted
42 Have bills
43 Techno-jargon
48 More (Sp.)
49 Actor Morales
50 Littlest of the litter
51 Em halves
52 Actress Diana
53 Remain

Down

1 Block the flow
2 Rage
3 "— who?"
4 Sand trap, e.g.
5 Billings' st.
6 Line of symmetry
7 Longing
8 Burdensome
9 Played without a bow
10 "Gotcha"
11 Walden, for one
16 Expert
20 Massachusetts cape
21 Chess soldier
22 La Scala showstopper
23 Vertigo
24 — Hashanah
26 Gratis
27 Parcel of land
28 Black, in verse
29 Knighted woman
31 Snatched
34 Exist
35 Intense feelings
37 Morning moisture
38 Capitol cap
39 Actor McGregor
40 Despot
41 Submachine guns
44 GI entertainment org.
45 Trench
46 "CSI" evidence
47 Pigs' home



Sudoku

	5		1	4	7		6	
9								1
		6				2		
3	2		4		6		9	7
				7				
7	8		3		2		4	6
		4				9		
5								3
	9		8	2	1		5	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	5	8	4	6	3	1	9
9	1	8	2	7	3	6	5	4
3	6	4	9	1	5	7	8	2
4	3	1	6	8	9	2	7	5
8	5	6	4	2	7	1	9	3
2	9	7	5	3	1	4	6	8
5	7	9	3	6	2	8	4	1
6	4	3	1	5	8	9	2	7
1	8	2	7	9	4	5	3	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

DN KLR ZDJC UN LWBSFTMZA LTX T BTQR UNNASYDJC, HUWQX LR FR MTQQRX KLR SYDJMR UN HLTQRA?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE ANSWERS "NO" TO "WILL YOU MARRY ME?", I SUPPOSE THAT'S PROPOSITION OPPOSITION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals F

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Thursday 8°/0° Partly sunny
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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You may think the world is against you but it's just that you have allowed a minor event to morph into a major issue in your mind.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Leave well alone today, especially on the work front where, if you make unnecessary changes, the results may not be to your liking.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Some will criticize you no matter what do, so you might as well ignore them and just get on with it.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You take it personally when people change their minds and upset your plans, but don't be so sensitive.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Today, if someone says something unjust, or even abusive, your best move is to laugh it off.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The reason you don't get along with a certain person is not because you are so different but because you are so very much the same.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You'll go over the top and say things you don't really mean, and you'll hate yourself for it when you calm down, but it's no big deal.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Don't promise that you'll do something today unless you are certain you are in a position to deliver.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If you cut corners or take shortcuts in any way, shape or form today, you will pay the price a little bit further down the line.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You will try to bluff your way out of an embarrassing situation today, but you won't succeed.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you are told something in confidence today don't rush out and tell everyone else. If it gets out, no one will confide in you again.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Whatever else you do today don't try to compete with rivals and enemies on their low level. SALLY BROMPTON

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"Can someone please tell me where Dumbledore is?"
Selena

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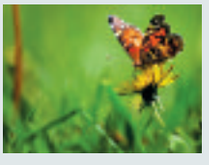

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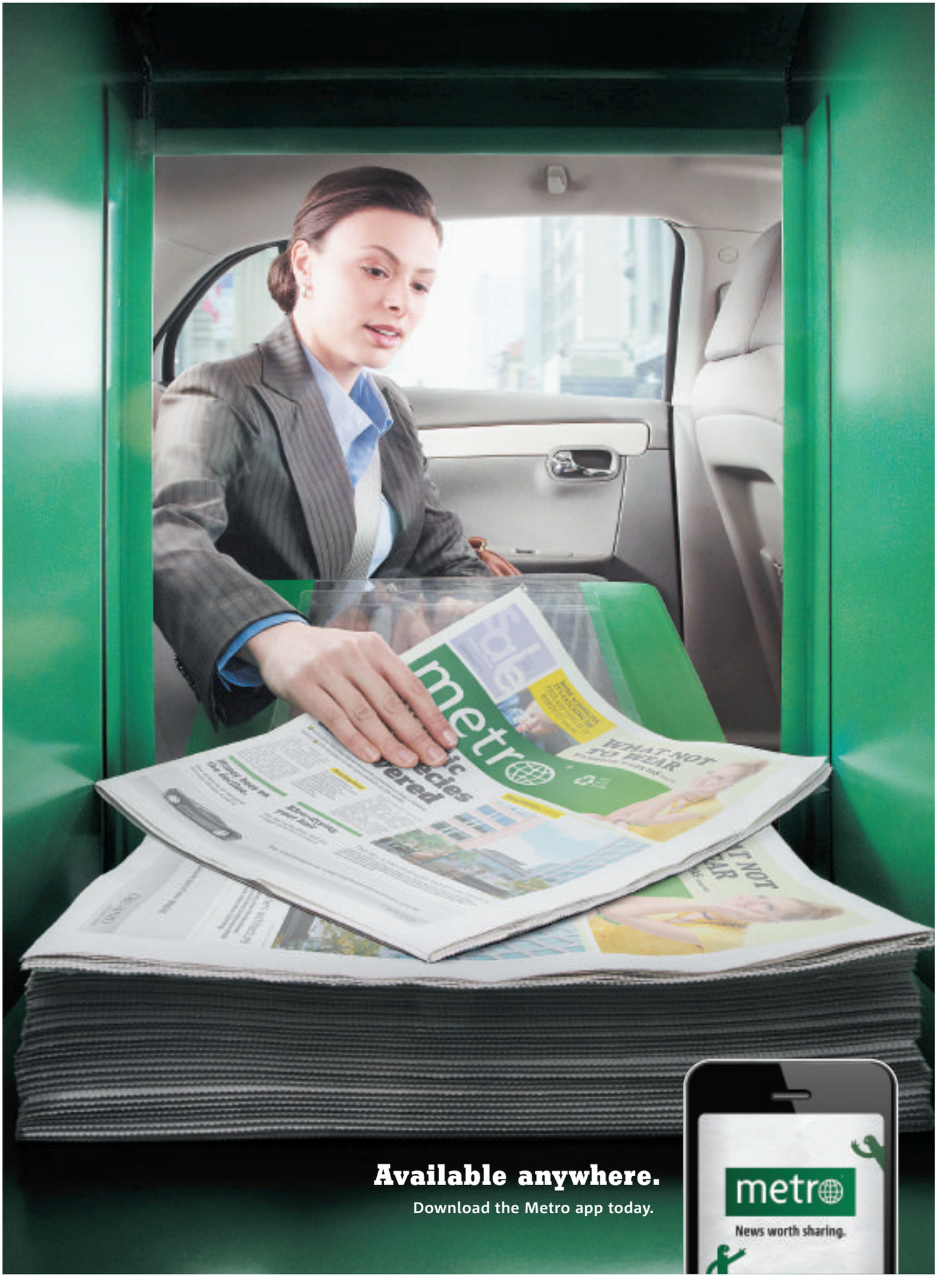
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